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## Police probe more claims on fraudster

Even more cases of potential fraud carried out by disgraced former Tipton Town FC chairman Bill Williams are being probed by police.

Detectives revealed earlier this month they were looking at three further cases after the accountant was jailed for illegally pocketing more than £276,000 from the life insurance and pension policies of a murdered father.

But another five suspected victims have come forward and told officers they too have been duped by Williams.

The amounts of money involved in the alleged cases have not been revealed but officers are investigating.

**Father of two** Williams is less than a month into a five-and-a-half year prison term for taking cash owed to the daughter of murdered South Staffordshire company director Andrew Diack. Mr Diack had formed the policies on the advice of Williams, who worked as an accountant for Featherstone-based Spray Tanker Services, which 29-year-old Mr Diack co-owned.

### Administrator

When Mr Diack, of Stafford Road, Fordhouses, was stabbed to death at Wolverhampton's Flying Dutchman Pub in 2009, Williams, who was listed as administrator of the two policies, set in motion a plan to steal the funds.

Williams, a grandfather of two of Chester Road, West Bromwich, spent the cash on family holidays to the USA, season tickets at Aston Villa and lavish family parties. It was revealed earlier this month that Mr Diack was not the only victim of 59-year-old Williams. He was jailed in 1986 for a previous £100,000 fraud while manager of Great Wyrley's Harrisons FC. He also ripped off Walsall pensioners Ronald and Sheila Haynes for their £97,000 life savings. Williams duped his victims while at the helm of his own accountancy firm, Dudley-based Williams & Co.

## Abuse man rammed his partner's motor

A Wordsley man subjected his partner to a campaign of physical abuse that ended with a car chase where he rammed her across the road, a court heard.

He repeatedly punched her on three occasions and destroyed some of her possessions worth hundreds of pounds, Dudley magistrates were told. Krista Willetts, aged 23, of Meadow Way, Wordsley, was handed an 18-week prison sentence suspended for two years for the "sustained and pre-meditated" attacks on Samantha Homer.

Miss Lynda Gudgeon, prosecuting, said on one occasion he sped up alongside her and smashed his car into hers, making her spin across the road into the opposite carriageway.

Willetts pleaded guilty to three charges of assault, two of criminal damage and one driving without due care and attention. Mr Sunil Jagatia, defending, said Willetts admitted he had "anger management issues". Willetts also got nine points on his licence for the driving charge and must complete 12 months supervision for all the offences.

Magistrates imposed a restraining order of two years, banning him from contacting student Miss Homer.

Burglars take jewellery, cash and even hearing aid

# DEAF BLIND PENSIONER'S HOME RAIDED

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Thieves stole a 90-year-old woman's hearing aid during a "sickening" raid, taking jewellery worth hundreds of pounds and cash as she lay in bed, say police.

The pensioner, who is deaf and partially sighted, assumed the intruders were members of her care team when people entered her house on the Russells Hall estate, Dudley.

A 22ct gold ring, a silver locket containing a family picture, and a gold-coloured watch with her name inscribed on the rear were among the items stolen.

Det Insp Nigel Smith, from Dudley CID, is appealing for witnesses.

"The offenders must have been aware of the vulnerability of the victim and it is sickening to think that they committed such a crime regardless," he said.

"The thieves stole not only her money, but her jewellery box containing precious items, and they even took a hearing aid from one of her bags."

### Assistance

He said the burglars had accidentally set off the woman's emergency alarm, fitted for if she had a fall and needed assistance, while inside the property.

Her carers had arrived shortly afterwards and called police when they realised what had happened.

"The elderly lady was unaware of who was in her home, having not been able to see or hear anything, and so assumed the person was a member of her care team," he added.

"It was only a short time later when the actual carers attended the scene that the alarm was raised.

"The lady was not injured in any way, however she was obviously upset once she was aware what had happened.

"Thankfully, such offences are unusual in Dudley."

It comes days after detectives said they are investigating links between a string of violent burglaries against pensioners in their own homes in Walsall. Officers said they were pursuing a number of active inquiries.

Anyone with information on the latest attack is asked to call Dudley CID at Brierley Hill police station on 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## Workman hurt in fall

A workman who had been replacing sewer pipes fractured both his legs after falling 20ft from temporary scaffolding in the Black Country.

The man, in his 20s, fell from the structure outside Caledonia Food & Wine in

Blackacre Road, Dudley. He was taken to hospital.

It is understood he had been feeding plastic piping into the ground when he toppled off the scaffold at 3.25pm on June 23.

An accident investigation was under way.

## Sun shines on Forces Day

Veterans of the Armed Forces throughout the region were honoured for their bravery in a weekend of tributes.

There was brilliant sunshine for Armed Forces Day commemorations in the grounds of Himley Hall as veterans received badges from dignitaries at the weekend.

Among those being honoured was Corporal William Hodgkiss, aged 87, who was part of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps during the Second World War. He was part of the Normandy landings.

Mr Hodgkiss, from Dudley, joined up in 1942 at Cophorne Barracks, Shrewsbury.

Mr Hodgkiss received his badge from the presentation party including the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans. Mr Hodgkiss said: "One of my best memories was on May 8, Victory in Europe day, when I was in Paris. We were all carried through the streets by the French, it was wonderful."

Northern Ireland veteran Rifleman Mike Crannage, aged 53, now works as the Mayor of Dudley's chauffeur. He served five years with



William McNamara and eight-year-old Harrison Tibbetts looking at the military vehicles



Freddie Murphy on a US army motorbike at Himley Hall

the 2nd Battalion the Royal Green Jackets. Rifleman Paul Jacob, who was blinded when trying to save a comrade in Afghanistan, was given a special award. During the afternoon the band of the West Midlands Fire Service played a concert.

## Arson used to cover up £30,000 scam

A former manager who set fire to the Dudley tyre depot where he worked to cover up a £30,000 scam has been jailed for three years.

David Bratt, aged 58, was convicted of arson following a four-day Wolverhampton Crown Court trial earlier this month.

He had previously pleaded guilty to fraud after admitting raking in £30,210 for himself by siphoning off more than 100 tyres delivered to the company to sell over a 17-month period.

But Bratt had denied starting the blaze at the Hi-Q depot, King Street when he realised the fraud was about to be uncovered.

Bratt, a father and grandfather, formerly of Jason Road, Wollescote, was sentenced to three years for arson and was handed a one year jail sentence, which will run concurrently, for fraud.

Judge Helen Hughes said today: "It's sad to see someone of your age and background in the dock."

### Flashpoint

The trial heard Bratt had received a call from his manager Christopher Suttle on September 10, 2009. Mr Suttle had told Bratt discrepancies had been found in accounts and he would be picking up invoices the following day to check them.

After other workers left the building, Bratt set the burglar alarm and minutes later fire crews received calls to a blaze at the building. Mr Geoffrey Dann, prosecuting, said the flashpoint of the blaze was either on or below shelves where paperwork was stored, he added.

He said it was "extremely unlikely" the fire could have been started by someone outside the building.

Sentencing Bratt on Monday, Judge Hughes said: "It was only because the fire was spotted quickly that a major incident was prevented." The court heard Bratt no longer lived in Wollescote and had been running a bed and breakfast in Somerset.

## Rotary to shut after 70 years

A Dudley Rotary club is closing after more than 70 years due to falling membership. The Brierley Hill and Kingswinford branch will fold next month, bringing to an end decades of fundraising.

Members will move on to other branches in the area, such as Dudley, Kinver and also Stourbridge. Branch president Anne Davies, only the second woman to lead the group, said she was "very sad" but admitted it was a "sign of the times".

At its peak the club had about 50 members but that has dropped to 11 in recent months. Mrs Davies said the current crop of Rotarians are ageing but new members are not being attracted.

Organising fundraising events has become difficult due to a lack of resources, she added. The club is thought to have generated more than £1 million during its history for Rotary charities.

The cash has helped a variety of projects, including building new classrooms at a Ugandan school and funding a new garden at Brierley Hill Primary School.

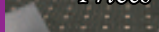
Mrs Davies, aged 69, said: "I am very sad that the club is closing but I am proud of all the good work."

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## Views are sought on street

Controversial changes to an historic High Street are to be reviewed after months of complaints that the road is more dangerous now than before the work took place.

Kinver businesses village trade has plummeted since the £900,000 scheme was completed earlier this year.

Kinver Parish Council has now requested a review by Staffordshire County Council to look at the changes and to find out how to deal with problems.

Officers said this was agreed and scheduled to take place later in the year on a date to be set.

Residents and traders are now being asked to submit their views to the parish council so it can present the opinions of the community to the county council.

Parish council clerk Jenny Spaul said it was a break with tradition to ask for public opinion in this way.

Residents and traders have previously complained that traffic queues are being caused because of pinch points positioned along the High Street. Because the road is now so narrow in places, cars are also hitting these points and there is said to be no room for delivery lorries to park up.

Villagers have until August 26 to put forward their views.

Comments can be delivered to the parish council at its offices at 95 High Street, Kinver, DY7 6HD or by email to kinverparish@btconnect.com. Full names and addresses are required.

## Summer fete goods appeal

Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge is appealing for unwanted Christmas or birthday gifts which could be sold at its summer fete on July 16.

They need donations of chocolates, toiletries, handbags, raffle and tombola prizes. Items can be left at the fundraising office at the hospice in Hagley Road.

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## Pub conversion due

A former pub in Dudley is to be converted into a community theatre.

Jigsaw Youth Theatre has been granted permission to use the ground and first floors of the grade II listed Crown Inn in Wolverhampton Street for productions.

The three-storey Victorian pub is owned by Dudley Council and the second floor is used as a base for town centre regeneration company, New

Heritage Regeneration. Youth theatre project manager Andrew Coulter submitted plans to use the building for small-scale shows on a temporary basis until April 2013.

Members of the council's development control committee approved the proposals at a meeting last week.

The old pub was restored in 2009 using part of a £4.3 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

## Man robbed pupil

A man who robbed a frightened schoolboy at Dudley Bus Station has been ordered to pay compensation by a court judge.

Mitchell Taylor first told the boy he would be struck in the face before the victim handed over £2.50, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

He left but returned moments later when he took the boy's watch, said Miss Helena Miller, prosecuting.

The 19-year-old of Hickman Road, Brierley Hill admitted robbery and he was ordered by Judge Nicholas Webb to obey a six month curfew order.

He was also placed under supervision for two years.

Judge Webb told Taylor to pay the boy £82.50 for his lost property and £150 compensation for the "emotional damage" he suffered.

## Dad and son toast top pub

A father and son team have won an award for their Midland pub – after a local rival won the gong ten years in a row.

Robin and Matt Copeman, who run Ye Olde Seven Stars, have won the Camra Kidderminster Pub of the Year.

The popular local in Coventry Street now goes through to the regional finals, where it will face competition from boozers across the West Midlands. Previously the pub has celebrated a hat-trick of wins as Camra's pub of the season for three consecutive winters.

But after prising the Pub of the Year title away from The Bell at Pensax, Robin and Matt are now raising a glass to their latest success.

The pub stocks 10 ales including local brews from Teme Valley, Kinver Brewery, Sadler's Brewery, Wye Valley and Bewdley Brewery.

Customers can also enjoy regional ales from Greene King, Adnams and Caledonian Brewery.

Matt, aged 28, who manages the pub with landlord and father Robin, 61, said: "We've been here six years and while we've won the seasonal award in the past it's great to have finally been named pub of the year."

"We've put a lot of effort into our cask conditioned beer and now sell more traditional hand pulled ale than all the kegs – including lager – put together."

The pair first worked together about 10 years ago when Robin was the landlord of the Black Boy Hotel in Bewdley.

# Families take legal action over deaths

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An investigation has been launched into allegations of negligence at Russells Hall hospital following at least two deaths from undiagnosed conditions.

A legal team is looking into claims against medical staff at the hospital in Dudley.

They are acting on behalf of two families which claim their loved ones died after doctors and nurses ignored conditions that eventually led to their deaths.

Harold Nock, aged 63, is behind the campaign after losing his daughter Wendy, aged 35, in 2009. She died eight days after being admitted to hospital with a blockage in her intestines.

Her father, of Birmingham New Road, Dudley, has spent months compiling evidence to support his case, including a report by the General Medical Council and an independent review commissioned by the Dudley Group of Hospitals.

GMC investigator Neil Ineson, in his report, concluded: "The care as seen in totality was in my opinion seriously deficient, with both individuals and the system contributing to deficiency."

Meanwhile, the independent review, conducted by a Professor P J Guillou, found a series of failures on behalf of medical staff.

This ranged from not conducting any further tests to establish why Miss Nock had continued to vomit and had an uneven heartbeat, and failing to adequately manage and monitor her fluid balances.

### Ultimately

Prof Guillou states that had a CT scan been performed as recommended, the bowel obstruction which ultimately contributed to her death might have been identified. "On the balance of probabilities, she would have survived this event," he concluded.

The family of young mother-of-one Kelly Weston have joined with Mr Nock, pursuing their own legal action after doctors failed to find out why she continued to lose weight.

Lawyer Nicola Lewis, from Kingwinford-based Waldrons Solicitors said: "We have been instructed to look into concerns over the care these patients received during their time in hospital. We are in the very early stages of the investigation right now. We are obtaining expert evidence in order to establish what the next course of action will be."

Dudley Group of Hospitals chief executive Paula Clark said the trust was aware of the legal action and could not comment on the case. However, she expressed her condolences to Mr Nock and his family, and said improvements had been made since his daughter's death.

"We recognise that, at the time of Miss Nock's death, there were issues with the recording of fluid intake and output on some nursing documentation, which was unacceptable," she said.

She added: "The coroner acknowledged that this was a difficult inquest as the medical cause of death was not clear."

"He recorded a narrative verdict that Wendy Nock died from her medical conditions and that it is impossible to say whether further tests would have prevented her death."

### Claim of failings



Harold Nock with a picture of his daughter Wendy

Just eight days after being admitted into Russells Hall Hospital, Wendy Nock died following a heart attack in her hospital bed.

Her father Harold, aged 63, claims it was a series of failings by hospital staff which contributed to her death – and has obtained the results of an independent review commissioned by the Dudley Group of Hospitals, which suggest she could have survived if certain actions had been taken.

An inquest held last year heard that Miss Nock, aged 35, had suffered with spina bifida from birth meaning she was wheelchair-bound. She started experiencing stomach pains and was taken to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital on September 22, 2009. She died on September 30.

### Records

Black Country coroner Mr Robin Balmain told the hearing that nursing staff had not kept proper records about her condition, and said the management of her charts had been "unacceptable".

"It was a consistent failing amongst different departments and a number of different staff," he said. He added there was a "lack of continuity of care" with no doctor in overall control of Miss Nock's treatment. The hearing had been told that despite a doctor's recommendation that a CT scan be done, and her parents repeatedly pleading with staff to do one, none was ever performed.

"It's just disgusting – I can't believe what happened to my daughter, and that there might be goodness knows how many others out there," said Mr Nock, of Birmingham New Road, Dudley. "I just want justice for my Wendy."

### Weight loss riddle



Elaine Weston and a picture of daughter Kelly

In September last year, Black Country coroner Mr Robin Balmain heard an inquest on 28-year-old Kelly Weston, who died in November 2009.

Her mother Elaine told the coroner's court in Dudley that staff at the town's Russells Hall Hospital ignored requests to examine why the mother-of-one lost almost half her body weight in two-and-a-half years.

During the hearing, she accused staff of failing to protect her from a dramatic weight loss which in turn weakened her resistance to illness.

Miss Weston died from septicemia caused by pneumonia. Her mother said she could have survived the pneumonia had she not been so underweight.

### Disgusting

"It's disgusting the hospital let her get that way. Nobody took any notice," Mrs Weston, aged 51, of Queens Street, Pensnett, said at the time.

She said that during one hospital stay her daughter had shed almost a stone in just four days.

Today, Mrs Weston said she and Kelly's partner Wayne had also instructed solicitors at Waldrons in Kingswinford to take action on their behalf.

"I got in touch with Mr Nock as I just found it awful that five weeks after he went through such a terrible loss, we were going through the same thing," she said. She has lodged an official complaint with the Health Service Ombudsman.

"I don't believe they did enough to monitor her weight, or her anaemia," she added. "I have also complained that they did not follow-up when she had an operation."

## Quarry plan disaster - MP

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build a new quarry on the outskirts of a Dudley village have been labelled an environmental disaster by a Black Country MP.

Plans to quarry land at the Mile Flat in Wall Heath, Dudley, at the rear of Dudley-Kingswinford Rugby Club, have been submitted by contractor FG Davis & Sons Ltd.

The Staffordshire-based company wants to excavate gravel and sand from the 19-acre site – causing outrage among nearby residents.

The company is also seeking permission to extend its current permission to continue work at its existing quarry site in Enville Road for another three years.

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly met protest group Quarry Fighting Fund earlier this month. "Having two quarries operating at the same time would be a disaster for the people of Wall Heath and the wider area," said Mr Kelly.

## Carr show is off

Comic Jimmy Carr has postponed his show which was due to take place at Dudley Concert Hall on Wednesday.

A new date of September 22 has been fixed or ticketholders can get a full refund. Staff at the hall were informed but were not given a reason why the gig was cancelled.

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# Man was found dead in bath

A farm labourer died after accidentally setting himself on fire and drowning as he tried to douse the flames, an inquest heard.

Edward Kenyon, aged 51, was found dead in the bath at his flat in Dudley. Neighbours in the flat below raised the alarm when they noticed water leaking through the ceiling.

Police found him submerged in the bath tub, with the hot tap on full. He had severe burns cover-

ing his legs, arms and up to his temples, Dudley Coroner's Court heard.

Mr Kenyon is believed to have collapsed in the bath and drowned after a fire was sparked in his living room by a discarded cigarette.

Fire investigation officer Martin Hyatt told the hearing there had been scorch marks on the bath and up the walls at the flat in Wood Street, Woodside.

Speaking to the inquest yesterday, Mr Hyatt said: "The most likely explanation is that Mr Kenyon had been drinking heavily on the sofa when the fire started."

Mr Hyatt added the smoke alarm fitted in the hallway had had its battery removed.

Black Country coroner Mr Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of death as the result of an accident.

# Go-ahead for college

Dudley College's new multi-million pound sixth form and higher education centre in the heart of the town centre has been given the go-ahead.

Work will get under way on the complex near Grade II listed Kudos House in Priory Road later this year.

The plans, which form part of a new £30 million university-style campus, were praised by members of Dudley Council's development control committee last night, including Councillor Colin Wilson who described the

designs for the centre as "tremendous".

It comes after the college was forced to go back to the drawing board when their plans to demolish Kudos House to make way for the scheme suffered a setback when the 19th century building was awarded listed status.

Their revised plans will see the house used by staff.

Councillor Mary Roberts said: "I'm so pleased this has come to fruition. I wish the college every success."

# Church's big push to hit funds target

A BLACK Country church is launching a final push to raise thousands of pounds for vital repairs.

A campaign has been running to generate £23,000 for Bethel Chapel in Lye to pay for repointing and to restore windows that are falling apart.

So far, £16,000 has been raised through events and grants – and it is hoped the target can be met by the end of the summer.

The church, which dates back to 1900, has been designated a building of local historic importance by Dudley Council.

The repairs will keep the windows insulated and watertight but are costly as the work needs to be in keeping with the design of the building.

Fundraiser Val Woodhouse said: "The church hosts a lot of important community events, in particular a weekly senior citizens club where the members are picked up in a minibus. It is absolutely vital that the building is kept in a good condition for when the colder weather comes, as it is so important for these members of the community."

The work will take up to eight weeks. Bricks for the front of the church need to be made to measure, while some of the iron window frames will be completely replaced.

Auctions

So far, cash has been raised through toy auctions, jewellery sales and donations, including requests from local residents who have died.

About £7,000 also came from applications to charitable trusts.

Anyone interested in donating, fundraising or helping out with the Bethel Chapel Building Restoration Appeal can contact Mrs Woodhouse at Bethel Chapel on 01384 892137 or visit the website [www.bethelchapel.org](http://www.bethelchapel.org)

# Summer games and craft on offer

A RANGE of activities including team games, den building and craft workshops are included in this year's summer holiday programme run by Dudley Council.

The Summer Activezone, which runs from July 28 to September 2, offers free and paid for activity sessions for children aged five up to 16.

Other activities on offer include parachute games, nature activities and arts and crafts workshops.

Specialised coaching is available throughout the holidays in the borough's leisure centres, schools and sports clubs. Sessions include cricket, football, gymnastics and tennis.

And on August 11 and September 1, Crystal Leisure Centre in Stourbridge will be hosting Disability Activezone.

For full details go to [www.dudley.gov.uk/sport](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/sport) or call 01384 815594.

# Tesco signs plan to be considered

Bosses at Tesco have applied to put up illuminated signs at a new superstore currently being built in the Black Country.

Construction of the supermarket at Burnt Tree Island on the border of Dudley and Sandwell started in March. Most of the metal frame for the new building has been erected. A planning application has been lodged with Dudley Council to display various signs across the site.

# Call to old school pupils

A Sedgley secondary school is keen to contact former pupils to celebrate its golden anniversary. The High Areal School in Areal Drive, Sedgley, opened in September 1961 as High Areal Grammar School. It is July 8 at 6pm. Register interest via [www.highareal.co.uk](http://www.highareal.co.uk)

# Ticket figures are out

MORE than 1,000 parking tickets have gone to staff, visitors and patients at a Black Country borough's hospitals in 12 months new figures show.

They parked on double red lines, left a vehicle in a disabled bay without a badge and obstructed the road.

Freedom of Information Act figures from Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust show 1,440 fixed penalty notices at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge and The Guest Hospital, Dudley, in 2010.

A total of 917 have so far paid. They cost drivers £15 if paid within two weeks or £30 otherwise. Cash is ploughed back into running the system with any surplus going to charity.

Figures show most tickets – 642 – went to drivers on double red lines in the grounds of Russells Hall Hospital, including by the A&E department.

# Campus is taking shape

WORK on a new college campus in Brierley Hill is taking shape with builders moving onto the new classrooms.

It is hoped staff will be able to move into the new Stourbridge College development in August, ready to welcome students in time for the new term in September.

Work began in September last year on the new creative industries campus, which will offer arts and digital-based courses. An original £31m scheme, on the old Brier School site, had to be scaled back at the start of last year after the learning and Skills Council withdrew £15m of pledged funding.

# Tragic cyclist rode into the path of car

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A CYCLIST was killed when he was hit by a car and flung into the air as he tried to cross a busy Black Country dual carriageway, an inquest heard.

Michael Stanley, aged 20, rode across the A4123 Birmingham New Road in Coseley at a pedestrian crossing while the traffic lights were on green and collided with the front of an oncoming Vauxhall Vectra in the outside lane.

Investigators said the crash on November 21 last year was caused "solely" by Mr Stanley, the inquest at Dudley Coroners Court heard last week.

His father, Thomas and brother,



Michael Stanley

Jamie were both with him at the time, having visited his home in Wallbrook Crescent, Coseley.

Motorist Jonathan Walker, who was approaching the crossing near Sangwin Road when the accident happened, said: "As I was approaching, the cyclist pedalled into the road and you could see it was going to be very close and I thought it didn't look good."

"The next thing I saw he had been hit by a car."

Andrew Macnamony, who was driving the Vectra, said he had not seen him about to cross.

He said: "I just remember getting to the pedestrian crossing and then bang, he hit me." Michael's father told the inquest the traffic lights had turned red and it was clear to cross. But three drivers said they were green.

Pc Andrew Salt said: "It would appear that the collision was caused solely by the actions of the cyclist who chose to cross the carriageway when it was clearly inappropriate to do so." A post mortem found 31mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood in Mr Stanley's system and Pc Salt said alcohol could have played a part.

He added Mr Stanley was wearing a hooded jacket, which may have obscured his view.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict that he died as the result of an accident.

# Engineering firm's recovery



Martyn and Karen Hughes with Dudley South MP Chris Kelly at Harco Precision Engineering Ltd

A HUSBAND and wife team are celebrating after their Brierley Hill engineering firm increased its workforce by more than half.

Harco Precision Engineering Ltd now employs 23 people at its factory in Canal Street. They originally had 20 workers but that was cut to 15 two years ago when profits slumped.

Owners Martyn and Karen Hughes invited Dudley South MP Chris Kelly along to tell him their success story.

They showed him around the premises and explained the different machinery parts they make there.

Mr Hughes, aged 48, said turnover was set to reach £1.3 million this year, having fallen to £650,000 two years ago. All of the machinery is sold to UK firms, and about two thirds of it is then exported to China and India.

He said: "It's been a difficult time recently but we are coming out of it now."

"There are hardly any Black Country engineering firms left now, so there is less competition."

"And transporting costs from India and China have gone up so much that we can undercut the market."

Paper mills, pistons and sewage pumps are all made by the team.

The firm, set up 25 years ago, has been based in its current premises for six years. Mr Kelly said: "It's great to see local manufacturers doing so well."

Mr and Mrs Hughes told Mr Kelly of their problems in getting loans from banks and the increase in bank charges. He said he would look into their concerns.

# Park bowling green must go as no woods played

A BOWLING green in a Black Country park will be scrapped because no players want to use it, council bosses have revealed.

They say there has been no interest from people wanting to play at Homer Hill Park in Cradley for the past five years.

Numbers of players using the green have fallen since a fire at the nearby Sons of Rest building in 2002. No clubs play at the site and, although it has remained open to casual bowlers, Dudley Council does not believe any have been using it. It may become a children's play area.

The lack of demand at Homer Hill Park is despite the number of players increasing at other bowling greens in the Dudley borough during the past

four years. The number of season tickets issued for greens has increased from 19 in 2006 to 53 for the current season.

Plans to remove the green at Homer Hill and replace it with benches and a children's play area have now been drawn up and have been backed by the park's Friends group.

Gates around the green, which has been kept in a good playing condition by the council, have remained locked for the past five years to deter antisocial behaviour. The green was installed at the park in Homer Hill Road in the early 1990s.

Cabinet member for environment and culture, Councillor David Stanley, said in a report in 2009 identified that there was a "lack of demand for the bowling green."

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## Air-dash HQ staff held up

Armed raiders who held 20 members of staff hostage at the Midlands Air Ambulance headquarters before stealing thousands of pounds in donations were branded "despicable".

Three masked men, armed with a taser gun, burst into the charity's headquarters in Brierley Hill at 8.45am last Tuesday.

They locked up the workers before making off with bags of cash in a member of staff's car.

No-one was injured but staff at the site on the Enterprise Trading Estate in Pedmore Road were left traumatised and have been offered counselling.

Charity director Hanna Sobright said: "I find it hard to comprehend that people would commit such a violent crime and steal money from a life-saving charity."

"This despicable act could actually cost people's lives."

West Midlands Ambulance Service's chief executive Anthony Marsh said: "Staff members are obviously extremely traumatised and are receiving full support from the trust, including the option of counselling."

All of the men are described as black, in their 20s and wearing scarves across their faces. They escaped in a grey Peugeot 308 at 9.15am.

Anyone with information should call the Sandwell and Dudley team of the Force Criminal Investigation department at Harborne police station on 0345 113 5000 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Comet reveals £8.9m losses

Struggling Comet have revealed big losses – and its owner hinted that it is considering selling its 249 stores.

Keser Electricals revealed Comet, which has branches in the Merry Hill Centre and Kidderminster, made a loss of £8.9 million in the year to April 30 and said it is working on a plan to revive fortunes but added it may consider "strategic alternatives".

It came as Ethel Austin announced it is closing 22 of its 91 stores. Branches in Dudley, Stourbridge and Blackheath are trading as normal and its parent company Life & Style said it is looking for buyers.

## Staff raise cash

More than £500 has been raised by staff at a Dudley care home at Kinver Country Fayre. LJM Homecare, Brierley Hill sold soft drinks, toys and balloons. Donations were also made by Natasha at Parks Cakes, Halesowen, who baked a cake weighing 7lb 5oz, which brought in £70. Baxley's Butchers, Wombourne donated a gift voucher.

## Street is to shut

A Stourbridge street will be closed for three days from July 5 for water main repairs. Vehicle access will be allowed on King Street in Lye where safe to do so and an alternative route will be signed.

## Crime advice night

Police will visit a bingo night to give players advice on crime prevention during the event at Fens Pool Community Centre, Dudley.

Pe Natalie Taylor said: "The team work very closely with the crime prevention officer to assist the public in keeping themselves and their property safe and hopefully preventing them from becoming victims of crime."

"Bingo night at Fens Pool Commu-

nity Centre always has a good turnout." Leaflets will be handed out and officers will be there to give tips on staying safe. Pe Angela Hodgetts said: "We will be talking about crime preventative methods people might find useful." The event takes place on July 21 at 7.30pm. Call 0345 113 5000 or if you can't attend the meeting, email brock moorandpennett@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk.

# Preview of boroughs' £6m archives centre

THE first image showing what a new £6 million base for Dudley and Sandwell's archives could look like has been released by developers.

The base will be built on the site of the former Royal Brierley Crystal site, near the Black Country Living Museum, in Tipton Road, Dudley. Plans are expected to be submitted shortly and if approved, building work will get under way in the autumn. It is expected to be completed by summer 2013 and will be as energy efficient as possible.

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## Cavendish House hotel plans blow

AMBITIOUS plans to transform Dudley's Cavendish House by creating a hotel on the site have stalled, it has been revealed.

Talks had started with an unnamed hotel chain interested in redeveloping the derelict site next to the Dudley Southern Bypass two months ago but they have now fallen through.

Now its owners have admitted they are no closer to finding anyone to take it over and have been forced to renew a planning application for a health centre – although they insist all options for its future are open.

The building in Trindle Road has stood empty since a security firm moved out in 2008.

It was originally part of the masterplan for the town's regeneration but struggled to attract interested parties following the recession.

Associate director of owners Abstract Developments Muhammad Hassan said in April that discussions were at an early stage but had been "positive".

### Extension

But last week he admitted that the firm is searching for interested parties again.

The firm had already met up with hotel chains in 2008 but no progress was made. Planning permission was granted in 2008 to demolish the building and replace it with a health centre complex, cafe, creche, pharmacy and meeting facilities. An application has been made to Dudley Council for a time extension on those plans, but Mr Hassan says that does not mean they are now a priority.

In 2008 a second set of plans for the Trindle Road site comprising a new, modern office block complete with car parking were also given the go-ahead – giving the owners a choice.

But instead the site has remained empty as firms have been put off by the building's location and the cost of development.

Mr Hassan said: "We remain positive that an investor will be found but it is taking time."

## Private health help

Patients who go private will be able to access a new service designed to help them get the best care.

The Private Patients' Forum (PPF) has been set up to cater for the 11 per cent of Britons who have private medical insurance as well as those who pay for one-off treatments.

Information ranges from how to choose private health insurance to selecting a consultant or hospital.

Patient rights are set out together with information on how to complain if things go wrong. The PPF, which is not-for-profit, is designed to encourage and support best practice.

PPF chairman Gary Flather said: "PPF will be listening to patients' experiences and from these we will develop plans to improve their experience of all aspects of private health-care," he said.

## Death of patient a 'shock'

ASURGEON has told of his shock after a woman died when she lost litres of blood during an operation to remove a cancerous tumour.

Sylvia Coney began bleeding when surgeons started to cut off the growth, an inquest heard.

Her blood pressure dropped even after doctors pumped blood back into her body and she died soon after, the hearing at Dudley Coroners Court was told last week.

Surgeon Dr Anthony Kawesha said: "It was a total shock when we found she was not responding to being given blood."

"This had never happened before in my experience though I have been told it can happen."

Mrs Coney, aged 64, of Himley Road, Gornal Wood, had been admitted to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital for the procedure after undergoing chemotherapy.

Dr Kawesha said the tumour had been connected to a pelvic vein.

Mrs Coney's husband, Michael said his wife, a former catering assistant at Beatties in Dudley, had seemed "fine" before she went in for the operation.

A postmortem found she died of hypo-bulimic shock from a haemorrhage.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict that she died as the result of known complications of a necessary elective procedure.

## Fresh funds plea for park

A £2.6 million plan to transform Stourbridge's historic Mary Stevens Park hinges on the success of a funding application being drawn up by council bosses.

Plans for a scheme costing £2,671,180 will be funded mainly from a proposed application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

It will be match-funded by Dudley Council stumping up around £620,000 to move the plan a step closer to reality.

The Black Country authority was successful in gaining a development grant of £116,100 from the Heritage Lottery Fund in December. This cash will be spent on producing a second round bid for the remaining £2.6 million.

Historic landmarks across the parkland, off Heath Lane, will be returned to their former glory should the bid be successful.

## Music and words make comeback

A SPOKEN word and acoustic night is returning to a Black Country pub after three years.

The event at Dudley's Lamp Tavern finished in 2008 but has been brought back after requests from customers.

The first show on July 15 includes poetry from Geoff Stevens and Brendan Hawthorne, stories from Carol Midwood and Sue Hulse, comedy/stories from Greg Stokes, and music from Neil Morris.



An artist's impression of how the building in Tipton Road will look



The site in Dudley where the archives service will eventually be situated

## Another 400 posts to go in big purge to hit budget

More than 300 workers have now left Dudley Council through voluntary redundancy although chiefs say they hope to cut the final number that will be forced to go.

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## Patrols bid to halt vandals

PATROLS are being stepped up at a grade II listed Dudley church in following up a spate of vandalism.

Members of the St John's Church Preservation Group are carrying out regular walks around the site in St John's Road, Kates Hill. Vandals took flowers off graves in the churchyard and threw them around the grounds and a month ago lead was stripped from the nearby old

school house. It is the second time metal thieves have targeted the building in two years.

Group chairman Deb Brownlee has appealed to people living near the church, which is currently closed to worship, to help protect it from thieves and vandals by keeping an eye out for any suspicious behaviour, she said. The church has been closed since 2002 after fears were raised over the safety of the building.

Since then the preservation group has been tirelessly raising cash to fund repairs and work to replace the lightning conductor on the roof and waterproofing the church has begun.

Donations can be sent to St John's Church Preservation Group, the Old School House, St John's Road, Kates Hill, Dudley, DY2 7JT. To use the building email [savesjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:savesjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk).

## Go-ahead for college

Dudley College's new multi-million pound sixth form and higher education centre in the heart of the town centre has been given the go-ahead.

Work will get under way on the complex near Grade II listed Kudos House in Priory Road sometime later this year.

The plans, which form part of a new £30 million university-style campus, were praised by Dudley Council's development control committee last week, including Councillor Colin

Wilson who described the designs for the centre as "tremendous".

It comes after the college was forced to go back to the drawing board when their plans to demolish Kudos House to make way for the scheme suffered a setback when the 19th century building was awarded listed status.

Their revised plans will see the house used by staff.

Councillor Mary Roberts said: "I'm so pleased this has come to fruition. I wish the college every success."

## Date set for new football pitches work

A £500,000 plan to build 11 new football pitches at a Black Country youth sports club will get under way at the end of the year.

The project at Kewford Eagles Football Club in Dudley has been plagued by delays after problems with funding and the uneven land in Swindon Road, Wall Heath, where the club is based.

But club officers have revealed fundraising work was well under way and a date would be set for the start of the work in September.

Club welfare officer Lynn Boleyn said a series of fundraising events had raised more than £100,000 so far, with a £50,000 grant from Sport England in the pipeline.

The Football Association has also agreed to match the total amount raised when they meet with the club in September.

### Downscaled

"It's all really positive, we're very pleased with how it has gone," she said.

"We have been very busy fundraising and at the moment it seems we are on track to get everything in place for when it needs to be.

"All being well, we will start work either around Christmas or at the start of next year."

The project has been downscaled since the original £1.2million plans to transform a 30-acre area next to Dudley-Kingswinford Rugby Club into 21 pitches.

Now, the plans include just 11 pitches of various sizes to accommodate the 550 children playing in different age groups as well as adult teams.

Upcoming fundraising events include the popular annual five-a-side tournament on the weekend of July 9 and 10, and the summer ball on July 10, both to be held at the Dudley-Kingswinford Rugby Club.

Two curry nights will also be held on July 4 and 11 at the Alam International Restaurant, Wall Heath. Tickets are £5.

## Drivers feeling pinch

ALMOST half of motorists are cutting back on journeys for financial reasons, an RAC survey says.

The cost-of-motoring impact is likely to get worse with car users feeling isolated, particularly those in rural areas, the poll found.

Almost all (92 per cent) of those surveyed reckoned the condition of local roads had deteriorated in the last year.

And 84 per cent thought road improvements should take priority over "big, expensive schemes" such as the Government's proposed HS2 high-speed rail project.

Of the 1,002 motorists surveyed, 48 per cent were reducing car journeys on cost grounds.

A total of 40 per cent of rural drivers and 32 per cent of urban ones were cutting back on short journeys, while 34 per cent of rural drivers and 23 per cent of urban ones were reducing long trips.

## Chance to enjoy parkland

A SUMMER season of guided walks will be taking place around the grounds of a Midlands manor house.

The walks around Himley Park have been organised to educate visitors about the history of the parkland.

Three walks are on offer - July 24, August 7 and August 28, guided by the senior warden at Himley.

Taking part in the walks is free of charge but places are limited so pre-booking is essential. All walks start at 11am.

People will also have the chance to picnic in the park after some of the walks to the sounds of brass bands.

The concerts run from 2.30pm until 5pm.

# We're reunited - and this time it's forever



Wedded bliss - Nicolas and Rachael on their big day

A couple who were born on the same day, in the same hospital, and attended the same school have tied the knot after being reunited thanks to the internet.

Rachael Wilkinson and Nicolas Organ were born in Sandwell Hospital on January 19, 1988. They spent the first years of their lives a few miles apart from each other in Tipton, going to Burnt Tree Primary School in Hill Road, Tividale.

But once they left primary school, the pair went their separate ways, with Rachael going to Tividale Comprehensive and Nicolas to Heathfield High School, Cradley Heath.

Thanks to the social networking website Facebook, the couple were

reunited in 2009 and recently tied the knot at Dudley Register Office.

Rachael said: "It was love at first sight. We just got on so well, and it all just clicked. I knew then he was the love of my life, and I am so excited to be marrying him."

Recalling their days at school, she said: "We were in the same class all the way through primary school, from nursery until we left."

### Cheeky

"By the end of school, I would say we knew each other really well. Nick was always a real cheeky chappy and was loud and talkative, whereas I was much quieter and was really quite shy."

"He would also like to be the centre of attention, whereas I kept in the background. I used to hate sharing a birthday with him at school. I wanted the day to myself, and we always had



A much younger Nicholas



Rachael Wilkinson when she was a baby



Nicholas and Rachael during their school days. They changed schools after primary

to share everything when it was our birthday. Now though, I really like that we have a birthday on the same day. "It's quite special."

Rachael realised that Nicolas still lived in the area when she started looking for old school friends on Facebook.

She said: "I just found his page and thought I would send him a friend request. He accepted it, and we got chatting, then he asked me out for a drink."

Their first date, when they were both 21, was on Wednesday, October 7, 2009.

She said: "He is still very much a cheeky chap, and I suppose I have come out of my shell. We just get on so well. We love going out clubbing and socialising together and just spending time with each other."

Nicholas, who works as a lorry

driver, proposed on their birthday, when Rachael got home from work.

She said: "He just smiled at me and said he had something to ask me; I was so excited."

Nicholas said: "It's fantastic we got together and we are very much in love." The couple, now aged 23 and living together in Tipton, enjoyed a ceremony at Dudley Register Office on Saturday.

### Lorries

Both Nicholas and his best man arrived at the service in lorries in a nod to Nicholas's job.

They went on to enjoy a family meal at The Rowley Olympic on Portway Hill where Rachael works and a reception at The Fellows on Broadway.

The couple were planning to honeymoon for two weeks in Newquay, Cornwall.

## Sparkies on trail of funds to aid hospice

TWO electricians hope to help light up the lives of ill children when they embark on a 110-mile walk to raise cash for a charity.

Justin Wood, aged 40, from Coseley, and Ricci Deakin, 31, of Solihull, will set out on their epic journey around the Jurassic Coastal Path, Dorset, on July 3.

Both men have been in training for months, tackling walks of 15-miles during the evenings and weekends to build up their stamina.

They hope the effort will raise more than £3,000 for the Acorns Children's Hospice.

The pair, who work for Mitie Technical Facilities' Tamworth branch, are now asking for people in the community to help them break their fundraising target.

Those who would like to donate can log on to [www.justgiving.com/sparkawish](http://www.justgiving.com/sparkawish)

## Bands to play tribute

Local bands and groups from across the country will perform a charity memorial gig.

Around 10 bands will perform at The Lamp Tavern, Dudley, for the all-day gig on August 27.

It will be staged in memory of Sophie Lancaster. The 20-year-old from Rossendale, Lancaster died from injuries suffered in an attack by youths while she was walking through a park with her boyfriend.

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## Man is arrested after fight

A MAN has been arrested by police after a fight broke out in Stourbridge town centre. The 31-year-old was arrested on suspicion of assault after the incident in High Street near Caffé Nero last week.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Catherine Hickman said the incident started with two groups arguing, and then a fight broke out.

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# More than 500 ops are put off at Russell's Hall

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More than 500 operations were cancelled or postponed at Dudley's Russell's Hall Hospital over the last three years due to bed shortages, new figures claim.

Between 2008 and 2010 a total of 573 operations were halted, even though some were deemed to be an emergency.

The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the hospital, said it had already brought in new measures to reduce the number of cancellations. The figures were released under the Freedom of Information Act.

They show that last year, there were 351 operations cancelled. In 2009 the total number of operations called off stood at 110 while in 2008 the figure was 112.

Hospital chiefs said the number of cancelled procedures was higher in 2010 due to an increase in emergency patients.

Of the total number of operations cancelled between 2008 and 2010, 525 had been pre-planned, while 48 were deemed as either an emergency or urgent operation. Some were shelved due to there being no beds available in particular departments at the hospital, such as the high dependency unit.

### Planned

Paula Clarke, chief executive of The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "The Dudley Group of Hospitals makes every effort to carry out operations on the day they are planned.

"However, there are some occasions when this is not possible and surgery has to be cancelled. Operations can be cancelled or postponed due to a shortage of beds, no available intensive therapy unit beds or no high dependency unit beds.

"Last year saw a six per cent increase on the previous year in the number of emergency patients admitted into hospital, which resulted in the trust cancelling operations because of the extra demand on beds."

She added: "We have already redesignated the medical and surgical beds so that there are dedicated beds for patients who require surgery."

"We hope this will help to reduce the number of cancelled operations."

"Patients whose operations are cancelled are offered another appointment within 28 days as per the national requirement."

## It's a fun-sen burner for pupils



Festival fun for 10-year-olds Joshua Francis, left, from the Knoll School, Kidderminster, Adity Shetty, from Vernon Lodge School at Stretton, Staffordshire, and Olivia Crowder from Winterfold School, Chaddesley Corbett.

More than 100 pupils conducted science experiments and took part in drama and music performances during an annual festival at a Stourbridge boarding school.

Old Swinford Hospital School, in Oldswinford, Stourbridge, hosted schools from across the region at its annual summer festival. Students came from as far afield as Harrow to attend the event. The programme of events at the school in Heath Lane was divided

into four categories – science, music, sport and drama. Fun activities included creating different chemical reactions and learning how to build a bridge.

They also had the chance to use microscopes to look at "mini-beasts", fungus and even their own cells.

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## Communion chalices stolen in church raid

METAL piping has been stripped from a Sedgley church in a recent late-night break-in, during which silver communion chalices and a memorial plaque were also taken.

Thieves smashed their way in through a window at Hope Street Baptist Chapel at 10.30pm. A passer-by rang 999 after hearing noises.

A 19-year-old man was arrested near the scene was helping with police inquiries. All of the stolen items were recovered within the church grounds in Arcal Street. It is understood that the damaged water pipes are worth about £200.

Sgt Rob Simpson, from Sedgley neighbourhood police team, said: "To steal from a church is a despicable crime, and officers continue to tackle offenders suspected of such offences."

Police said there have been 21 reported metal thefts in the Sedgley, Coseley East, Gornal and Woodseton areas this month.

### Worse

No-one from the church was available to comment but Paul Hobson, editor of the Baptist Times, said there had been a growing number of metal thefts, particularly in older churches which were seen as an easier target.

"It has got much worse in the past couple of years and is costing a fortune. It can be devastating, especially for a smaller congregation, to find the cash to pay for repairs is as much as replacing what has been stolen," he said.

Retired gas engineer Trevor Davies, aged 70, who lives near the church, said: "To break into a church is unforgivable."

Recently crooks stripped thousands of pounds of lead from St Michael and All Angels Church, Tettenhall. In some cases insurance companies are not paying out for repairs as the levels of thefts mean it is no longer considered an unexpected incident.

## Hats off to a great festival at park



Thomas Withers, sister Katie, mother Michelle and grandmother Shelia Inchley



Philip Rymill with Lucy taking on an agility course at King George V Park

A FUN-FILLED afternoon of events were on offer for families to enjoy at the annual Wordsley Festival.

A poor weather forecast meant visitor numbers were down on previous years, but more than 2,000 still poured into King George V park to enjoy the occasion.

Attractions in the main arena included cheerleaders, bellydancers, a motorbike stuntman as well as a performance by the winners of Wordsley's Got Talent.

Youngsters also got the chance to meet TV characters Fifi and Bumble. Among those who went along was 65-year-old Philip Rymill and his 20-month-old dog Lucy, who along with other members of the Dogs R Us Agility Training group, based in Kingswinford, took part in a display.

Ten-year-old Thomas Withers, from Kingswinford, also performed - his prize for finishing second in the Wordsley's Got Talent competition.

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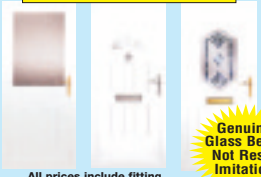
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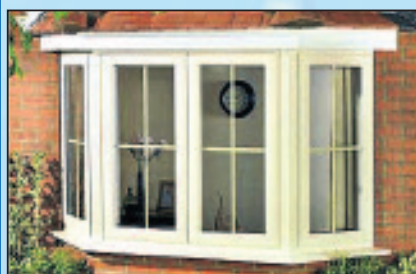
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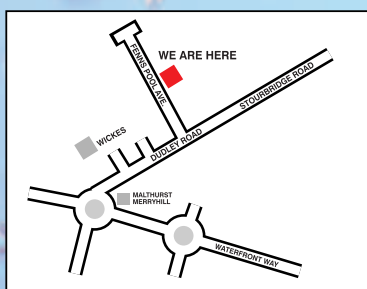
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# Housing work starts after battle

Work is set to start on a controversial housing development in a village after residents lost their three-year battle to stop it.

The 39 homes will be on green space at the back of houses in Brook Crescent, Hagley. Developers Billingham and Kite won planning permission on appeal after initially being rejected by Bromsgrove District Council.

Now it has been revealed diggers are set to move in next month. Residents say they are braced for congestion as more people compete for parking spaces.

They are also worried the building work, which is expected to last 12 months, will cause disruption. More than 100 resi-

dents objected to the development but the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol gave it the go-ahead in March.

Locals were furious over the effect they claimed it would have on the local area. Governors at Hagley Primary School have also raised concerns that they could not cope with pupil influx.

Hagley Parish Council chairman Steve Colella said the local infrastructure would not be able to cope with the extra houses.

He said there would be increased traffic, while doctors' surgeries would be over-subscribed. Residents say the homes would not be in keeping with the character of the area.

Mr Colella, of Lodge Crescent, said:

"The A456 is congested and it became gridlocked with the snow earlier this year. These homes will make things even worse. "But it has been approved so we just have to get used to it."

Sixteen of the homes would be two-bedroom and 23 four-bedroom.

Residents are also braced for another fight after a 550,000 sq ft area of land was opened up for potential development by Bromsgrove District Council.

It is part of the authority's core strategy, which aims to attract investment to the area. A report by the council says the piece of land could accommodate 250 homes.

A public consultation is being held on the core strategy.

## Cash for helping disabled

Children with disabilities are in line for a boost with offers of cash for people who can put on activities for them.

Bids of up to £500 are being sought by Dudley Council from providers of activities for disabled children to enable parents to have a break from caring and to provide their children with new and exciting opportunities.

Breaks can include daytime, evening, weekend and overnight activities.

The types of short breaks can vary but particularly of interest are activities being provided throughout the summer holidays when families have need a break.

Children's chief Councillor Liz Walker, said: "I would urge short breaks providers to get in touch and apply for the funding if they are providing any activities for disabled children."

Contact the project manager on 01384 815813 to apply.

## Canal visitor centre plans put on display

Ambitious plans to build a canal-side visitor centre in Dudley have gone on show to the public. Bosses at Dudley Canal Trust have been working on detailed plans for the scheme.

There is an application for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Their initial proposals went on display at a special open day at the attraction of Birmingham New Road to see what the public thought about the scheme so far and what improvements could be made.

The learning and access hub, as it will be known, could be open to the public in 2013 and it's hoped a planning application for the development will be submitted this summer.

### Heritage

It will be built on the opposite side of the water to where the ticket office is currently located.

The hub would offer people the chance to learn about the heritage of the area.

The Black Country in the 19th Century and the role of the Birmingham Canal Navigations in the Industrial Revolution could be featured. It is hoped the development will help boost visitor numbers to the attraction which welcomes 80,000 people a year.

Trust general manager June Hoggett said: "We showed the plans for the building so people know what is planned and can tell us their thoughts. We have had



Looking at the plans are Jackie and Bob Mullen of Himley some really good responses."

The trust has already secured a £118,000 development grant from the lottery fund to help draw up the plans and the second round application, for more than £500,000 worth of funding, is expected to be submitted by November this year.

Among those who went along to look at the plans was Jackie and Bob Mullen from Himley who are both members of the canal trust.

Mr Mullen, aged 63, said: "This development is more than needed, it is a must." Children who went along to the event were also able to take part in a balloon race with the one which travels the furthest set to win a prize.

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## Church restoration is nearing completion

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A three-year restoration plan for a 12th Century church in Dudley is nearing completion thanks to donations totalling £350,000.

Parishioners are putting the finishing touches to paintwork at St Mary's Church, Kingswinford.

An extra appeal to raise the final £20,000 has brought in the cash to push the project over the finish line.

The money was used to decorate the inside of the church in the village, which is thought to be one of the oldest in the borough.

Parishioners also celebrated the donation of paint from Dulux Decorator Centre, in Little Cottage Street, Dudley.

Church treasurer Mike Penn said: "Almost all the £20,000 for the paintwork had already been donated by the congregation and community members on top of the £350,000 we have gained to date for the previous work."

### Transformation

Church member Peter Brownjohn said: "The donation has enabled us to finally complete the transformation of our beautiful church."

"The church is now a much more attractive place for the community to gather, and I am certain local residents will find it the perfect place to reflect, celebrate and worship for many generations to come," he added.

Urgent repairs to the roof and guttering had been earmarked as a top priority by parishioners.

Brickwork has been repointed and a new hot water system and boiler will be installed.

St. Mary's Church has stood in Kingswinford for 800 years.



Parish priest Rev Giles Kendall, left, and church members Liz Green and Peter Brownjohn celebrate the end of painting work at the building in Kingswinford



St Mary's Church - more attractive

## No on landfill site homes

Plans to build homes on a former landfill site in Coseley have been refused amid fears that disturbing the land could pose a health risk.

Ideal Estates Ltd had applied for permission to remediate the land off Bourne Street and build a housing development.

But councillors last week said they could not support the proposals as they were concerned about the impact on the community. Almost 40 residents objected to the plans. Objector

Margaret Holden, from Cedar Avenue, said hundreds of tons of metal and combustible material had been buried at the site every day.

The committee had been told the site had been closed for years because it was not suitable for public use.

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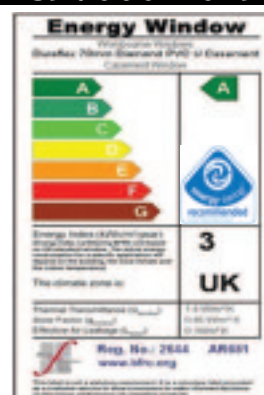
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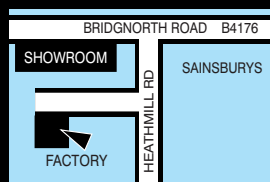
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# Parking spaces may be reduced

THE number of parking spaces at a multi-storey car park in Stourbridge could be cut in the run-up to its closure.

The ageing 458-space multi-storey car park in Bell Street will be knocked down under plans to redevelop the Crown Shopping Centre in the town.

Work on a £50 million revamp of the centre, including a new Tesco supermarket, is expected to start by early next year.

The seven-storey car park, popular with shoppers and visitors to the Crystal

Leisure Centre, was originally earmarked for demolition several years ago after a study found £4m would be needed to restore it.

## Loading

Since then more than 50 spaces have been cordoned off to reduce wear and tear but bosses revealed last week that more may go over the coming months.

Councillor Patrick Harley, cabinet member for transportation, said: "We are

still awaiting a precise start date for Tesco's multi-million pound regeneration project in the town, but we expect this to be towards the end of this year or the start of next year.

"Bell Street car park will close fully when this work gets under way.

"There is a possibility we may reduce the number of parking bays and therefore reduce the loading on the car park so it can continue to be used in the short-term until its demolition."

## Firebugs hit glass site again

THE historic former Stuart Crystal glass-works in the Black Country has been hit by a second arson attack in just five weeks.

The site in Wordsley is earmarked to become a £5 million museum.

In the latest attack, wood was propped up against a wall in the basement of one of the six Grade II derelict buildings which make up the site, and set alight.

Around 10 per cent of the flooring was damaged in the blaze recently but firefighters managed to avoid it spreading to the roof.

It is behind the building which was gutted in the last fire.

Two break-ins have also been reported at the site in recent weeks. The owners say they are locked in a "never-ending battle" with vandals and arsonists.

An engineer's report revealed that the building hit by the first arson on May 13 can be saved, so the museum project can still go ahead. Under the plans the site would be transformed into a glass museum.

## Charity night packs a punch for heroes



Event organiser Christine Wyman with boxing legend Tim Witherspoon

Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy a Black Country fundraiser to raise money for injured soldiers, which was organised by a mother whose son is fighting on the front line in Afghanistan.

Christine Wyman was spurred into action to support her son, serving as a bomb disposal expert with the Royal Engineers' Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit, and other soldiers.

Former heavyweight boxing champion Tim Witherspoon was among the 350 or so of those in attendance at The Venue in High Street in Dudley along with around 200 servicemen from across the country — including a number from The Mercian regiment, which recruits in the Midlands region.

Mr Witherspoon said he had attended as he wanted to support the fundraising efforts of Mrs Wyman, who lives Dell Road, Bromley, near Dudley. She and her daughter Samantha, aged 23, spent weeks organising the event.

The star attraction of the evening was a combined armed forces versus Midlands boxing bout, which featured soldiers from the army and RAF against up and coming boxers from clubs around the region.

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# Metal firm flies in the face of the recession

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Dudley metal manufacturer Castlefield Products is proving it has not been affected by the downturn in the manufacturing industry after reporting 20 per cent growth over the last 12 months.

The company provides engineering solutions for horticulture and supplies garden centres, nurseries, soft fruit growers, wholesalers and distributors and has been reaping the fruits of their labour.

Turnover of the company has not only increased over the last year but has been continuously growing year on year for the last three years – with the introduction of several new products being attributed to the success.

The company's new "E-range" of garden centre customer trolleys and staff barrows introduced this year has been specifically designed to cater to the demands of consumers and garden centre staff.

## Recovery

The manufacturers' organisation, EEF, says Britain's manufacturers are continuing to drive the economic recovery as demand for UK exports grows.

Steve Ruston, managing director at Castlefield Products, said: "All of our products have been designed and manufactured here in the Midlands."

"We've had increased interest from abroad as well as at home which reinforces the EEF's statement about the importance of manufacturing for the economic recovery."

"We are over the moon with the success we have had over the last 12 months and we are particularly pleased with how well our new E-range has been received."

"The garden centre trolleys featured in the E-range were initially custom-made and engineered to provide a solution and combat common problems faced by trolley users."

"After witnessing the benefits and hearing such positive feedback they have now become a permanent addition to the Castlefield line."

Castlefield is part of the Bird Stevens business, which has been based at its Sun Street factory in Quarry Bank for nearly half a century.



Steve Ruston, managing director of Castlefield Products, with one of the range of garden centre trolleys produced at the firm's Quarry Bank factory.

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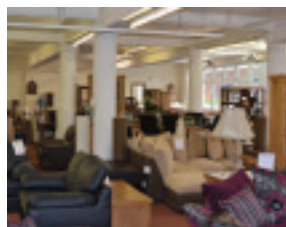
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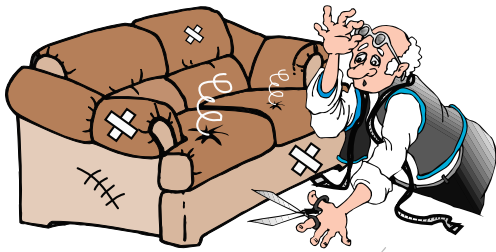


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# Students in passing out parade



Students on parade Alice Laurie, Ryan Astley and Jenny Oakley

Hundreds of students at Dudley College are looking forward to careers in the Army, Navy and police after celebrating at a passing out parade.

The Public Service course students at the college gathered at the Black Country Museum to get their certificates.

More than 200 students took part in the parade in front of a stand packed with 700 friends and family to demonstrate some of the skills they have learned

over the last two years. The course, which has been running for 10 years, is designed to prepare teenagers for life in the public services.

Course tutor Suni Narr, who served in the army with the Fourth Battalion of the Mercian Regiment in Afghanistan in 2009, said: "We do a lot of work on team leadership."

Jenny Oakley, aged 18, of Brookdale, Lower Gornal, wants to join the police. She said: "I really wanted to

help people and make a difference." Alice Laurie, 19, of Kates Hill, Dudley, was watched by boyfriend Adam Raine, who has been in the Navy for a year after graduating from the course. She is torn between being an Army medic or joining the navy.

"It's a great way of life and it's important to serve your country," she said. Family tradition inspired Ryan Astley, aged 18, of Wollaston to join the course as his father served in the REME in Northern Ireland.

## New gig date for Durans

Duran Duran have rescheduled their homecoming gig in Birmingham after it was cancelled last month when lead singer Simon Le Bon developed a throat infection.

Thousands of fans were left disappointed after the band had to cancel the show at the LG Arena on May 21.

The gig will now take place at the LG Arena on December 2.

The new date is one of 11 that have been rescheduled.

All the postponed gigs remain in their original venues.

Bassist John Taylor said: "Given the fact that we'd missed the dates in May, we wanted to do something really special for the fans pre-Christmas."

"Finally we've been able to make it work, and cannot wait to get there," added John.

Tickets for the original show will be valid for the new date.

## Special event is what it's all about, Alfie

Family and friends of a severely disabled three-year-old boy organised a charity ball to help raise funds for his care.

Last week, the third annual summer ball was due to be held at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill to help support Alfie Johnson, who was born brain damaged with cerebral palsy, cannot walk or talk and has very poor eyesight.

Around 270 guests were expected to turn out for the event which has just sold out.

Entertainment on the evening was due to include a band called Emperors of Soul.

Alfie's dad, Paul Johnson, aged 38, of Amblecote in Stourbridge said: "We are really pleased that the tickets have sold so well. We hope it will be a great night. "We are hoping to raise funds to buy some specialist equipment such as a specialist bed and changing table facility."



Paul Johnson and his son, Alfie, and family, friends, and committee members who are organising a summer charity ball in aid of Alfie at the Copthorne Hotel

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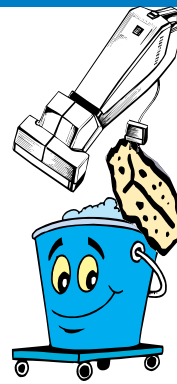
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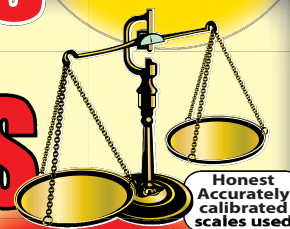
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THE WAY I SEE IT

# Shutting shop will prove to be costly

**H**aven't Asda done a brilliant job at the former Netto store at the top of the High Street? Their new supermarket is just what we need in the town.

I dropped in last Friday to tour the store and meet the staff. Manager Keith Burden and his team have worked miracles and we should all get behind them.

They've given the town a real vote of confidence, investing £600,000 to create a brand new store with a much wider choice of products than we had before.

They're employing 34 people and have created 22 new jobs, in addition to the people who previously worked for Netto.

Let's get behind Keith and his team, make the store a success and encourage other companies to invest in the town centre as well.

I was so delighted by what they've done for Dudley that we went back on Saturday to do our weekly shop.



**Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter**

game now will be the ones that attract the new industries and new jobs on which our prosperity will depend. This new development gives us a head start. That's why it's so important.

## Benefits Shop closure will cost Dudley a fortune

I said before that closing the Benefits Advice Shop is a massive mistake and will hit the most vulnerable people in the borough.

But it will also reduce the government grants Dudley receives hitting every resident – not just those on benefits – in the pocket. That's why every Chronicle reader should sit up and take notice.

First, it brings £2 million extra into the borough of which the vast majority is spent supporting local businesses, so it represents very good value for money indeed. Saving £200,000 in this area will cost the people of Dudley £2 million.

Second, Dudley will lose funding in other areas, because the numbers of people claiming benefits like DLA, attendance allowance, ESA, pension credit and so on help calculate the statistics on which government funding is based.

The truth is fewer people will claim these benefits as a result of the council's decision. That some people will lose out personally is bad enough, but the fact the borough will lose out as a result shows how short-sighted this is.

Third, the government is in the process of introducing a completely new benefits system. This is not a party-political point, but reorganisations like this inevitably cause confusion and uncertainty and are unsettling for many claimants, so the Benefits Shop is going to be more vital than ever.

We all know savings have to be made, but the council should be looking much harder to rationalise services, merge back office functions and so on before losing vital front-line services like this. Even then, this decision is going to affect the most vulnerable people in Dudley – the elderly, the disabled and the poorest – and it will cost everyone else as well.

Pick up the phone, or hit the keyboard and email the Conservative councillors in charge.

Ask them to think again.

**Shoppers ring up £1,000**

Shoppers at a Dudley store have raised £1,000 for a local hospice.

The cash was collected in buckets on checkouts at Asda, Brierley Hill and will go to Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge.

Events including a fun day and cake sale also helped generate the sum over the last six months.

Service manager Jenny Lowe said: "The customers have all been so generous and we want them to know that all their money is going to a local good cause."

Last year the store raised nearly £7,000 for the Asda Foundation, supporting charities across the country.

Mary Stevens fundraising head Janet Jones said: "We are very grateful for the donation and it will go towards the vital work that is carried out."

Plans are being drawn up for the store to support other local charities with fundraising events during the year. More than £800 was generated for the Poppy Appeal by sales of home-made silk flowers at the store in April.

## Youngsters in the swim

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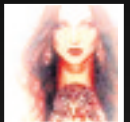
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# Canalside pub plan A shrew-d move at Hagley Bard none

A canalside pub on a gateway into Stourbridge, which has been lying empty for more than a year, will reopen by Christmas under new plans.

David Gardener, a partner at town centre wine merchants Nickolls & Perks, has submitted proposals to revamp the Moorings Tavern off Canal Street.

The inside of the pub, which is currently boarded up and covered in graffiti, will be revamped while a patio seating area and garden will be created at the back of the building. A car park will also be created.

Mr Gardener, who will manage the pub, said the plans would create jobs.

"We want to make the most of the waterside location and create a family pub offering real ale and food. From the patio garden there will be nice views across the canal," he said.

Chairwoman of Stourbridge township council, Margaret Scott, welcomed the news.

"The back of the pub does need tidying up.

"It's not very nice at the moment. It could be a nice spot for people to go after a walk along the canal or a boat trip. It's sad when these pubs close but don't reopen," she said.

The pub forms part of the Stourbridge canal conservation area, which also includes the historic Bonded Warehouse which runs regular boat trips.

## Sensitive

A report submitted with the planning application says: "Through the appropriate and sensitive choice of materials and planting the proposals will further enhance the conservation area with its contribution to bringing the Moorings Tavern back into meaningful use."

It adds that the site will be cleared of debris and a garage at the back of the pub, which is no longer used, will be removed along with steel security fencing that is around the site.

The plans have been submitted to Dudley Council and will be considered within the next two months.

Families and Shakespeare fans turned out to enjoy an open air performance of The Taming of The Shrew in the grounds of Hagley Hall.

More than 150 people turned out to enjoy the production, staged by Chapter House Theatre Company, in the stately home's sprawling grounds near Stourbridge.

Staff had erected a giant gazebo in case of rain but many visitors were able to sit out in the grounds to enjoy the last of the sunshine during the event.

Families brought along picnics to tuck into while the show was on and could enjoy a drink from a bar which had been set up. Jill Gaskin, of Beckman Road,



A Chapter House theatre company member on stage during the production of The Taming of The Shrew. The production was staged by Chapter House Theatre Company, in the stately home's sprawling grounds near Stourbridge. Staff had erected a giant gazebo in case of rain but many visitors were able to sit out in the grounds to enjoy the last of the sunshine during the event. Families brought along picnics to tuck into while the show was on and could enjoy a drink from a bar which had been set up. Jill Gaskin, of Beckman Road,



Enjoying their family picnic are Jill and Neil Gaskin of Beckman Road, Pedmore, Stourbridge, with their children James, aged 11 and Rebecca, eight

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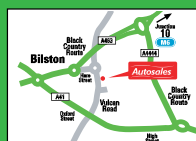
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Indeed, for many lovers of real ale, including CAMRA co-founder Michael Hardman, Dudley and its surrounding towns present a range of beers and traditional pubs unrivalled anywhere else in the country.

In Dudley itself, The Court House in New Street is something of a local success story, having been transformed in recent years from a somewhat uninviting venue into a welcoming historic hostelry with a fine range of beers from Black Country Ales.

Owners Michael and Dawn O'Neill and their team work hard to ensure this fine

old pub, which was revamped to the tune of £100,000, is a comfortable, cosy environment popular with drinkers of all ages.

This pub's appeal is also helped along by Mick's quirky sense of humour, which earlier this year, saw him order in real turf to convert one part of the pub into a race-course for the Grand National.

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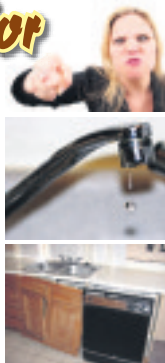
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Emily Sadler and Russell Grindley at the Windsor Castle Brewery

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tain, which serves a constantly-rotating selection of meals and snacks.

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In Sedgley itself lies one of the region's most highly-prized pubs, the multiple award-winning Beacon Hotel, home to the famous Sarah Hughes Brewery.

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Beers on offer include the regular trio of Surprise (known locally as simply 'Sedgley'), Pale Amber and the famous Ruby Mild, which, at 6 per cent ABV, is anything but.

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A particular feature of this friendly pub is its unique hexagonal bar, which features stained glass windows and quirky serving

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Another great pub to try when in Sedgley is The Stump – a traditional pub with three comfortable rooms and a good selection of expertly-served ales.

Over in Netherton lies another legendary local, in the shape of The Old Swan, or Ma Pardoe's as it is more commonly known.

### Features

Like The Beacon, this lovingly-restored Victorian pub is served by a tower brewery behind the premises, with landlord Tim Newey serving up Old Swan Original, Dark Swan and Bumblehole.

In addition to fine ales, Ma Pardoe's also serves an excellent range of home-made food in its Granary Loft restaurant.

More good reasons to visit this pub include the many period features on display throughout its several rooms – especially the stunning front bar, which



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The town of Stourbridge is also home to some great real ale pubs which have been restored to their former glory, including The Plough and Harrow in Worcester Street and The Duke William, in Coventry Street.

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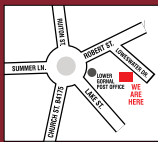
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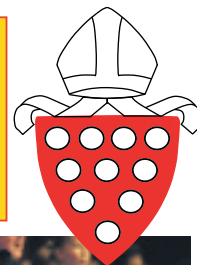
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Ex-Corrie actress Tracy Shaw, actor Paul David-Gough of Wolverhampton, TV stars Gemma Bissix and Peter Amory launch the Grand Theatre's summer season

## Summer season stars

SOAP and TV stars are at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre for the new summer season.

Actors include Peter Amory, who played Chris Tate in Emmerdale, Tracy Shaw, who played hairdresser Maxine Peacock in Coronation Street, award-winning soap actress Gemma Bissix and Wolverhampton-based actor Paul David-Gough. They launched the summer season at the Lichfield Street venue.

Leslie Grantham, famous for playing Dirty Den in EastEnders, will also be appearing.

Comedies Busybody and Death by Fatal Murder as well as thrillers Who Killed 'Agatha' Christie? and The Woman in White are being staged from this week until July 23. Director Ian Dickens said: "We have got together the finest acting talent we have had in a rep season."

Season tickets for all four plays are available at £48.

Contact the Grand box office on 01902 429212.

# Time to plan for panto, oh yes it is!

SHOWMAN and comedian Brian Conley and Loose Women star Lynda Bellingham brought smiles to the streets of Birmingham to launch this year's pantomime at Birmingham Hippodrome.

Conley returns to the city for his fifth panto in Birmingham, appearing as Buttons in a production of Cinderella, while TV star Bellingham will play The Fairy Godmother.

"It's great to be back in

Birmingham," said Conley. "It's one of the greatest cities. It's the heart of the country and the people have great hearts. I'm really looking forward to it."

## Gorgeous

Bellingham has a career spanning 40 years and is also appearing in the stage show of Calendar Girls at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from October 24 to 29.

Speaking about Cinderella she added: "I'm very nervous.

I love panto, my children go every year. Cinderella is a great production. You have Buttons, Cinderella being gorgeous and the ugly sisters who make me look like Raquel Welch.

"The girls from Loose Women have advised me not to be too rude – or too loose. I'm hoping they're going to come and see it."

Cinderella runs from December 17 to January 29, 2012. Contact the box office on 0844 338 5000.

## World of jazz in festival



Jazz group Tipitina, from left, Debbie Jones, Justin Randall and Gary Barber at Dudley as part of the Birmingham International Jazz and Blues Festival

GOOD time New Orleans jazz will be heard at Dudley Zoo's Queen Mary Ballroom on Friday, July 8, as part of the 27th Birmingham International Jazz and Blues Festival.

Tipitina will be performing from 7.30pm. The combo includes singer Debbie Jones. Tickets, £4.50 for adults and £3 for children, are available from the zoo shop, calling 01384 215301 or on the door.

The city's annual jazz jamboree will host bands from the US, Argentina and across Europe in a mostly free celebration of music.

From tomorrow (Friday) to July 10, the area will welcome jazz fans attending 176 performances in 72 venues.

There will also be a chance to dance the Charleston at a 1920s night at the Black Country Living Museum on Saturday.

Visit [www.birminghamjazzfestival.com](http://www.birminghamjazzfestival.com) website for further information.



Comedian Brian Conley and Loose Women star Lynda Bellingham launch the panto at the Birmingham Hippodrome with the Ugly Sisters

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Hammer, 1.00 BBC News, Weather, 11.00 Food  
Night, 11.15 Cash in the ATM, 1.30 BBC News,  
Weather, 2.00 The Big Breakfast, 2.15  
Weather, 1.30 Regional News, Weather, 1.30  
Doctors, 2.30 Only Fools and Horses, 3.05 BBC  
News, 3.15 The Big Breakfast, 3.30  
Weather, 3.50 Regional News Programme,  
Weather, 2.00 The One Show, 2.30 Entertainment  
BBC News, Regional News, 3.00 Holly Hoi, 3.00  
The Big Breakfast, 3.15  
Weather, National Lottery Update, 3.25 Imagine,  
11.25 The Scheme, Weatherline, 12.25 Sun  
News, 1.00 Countryfile, 1.30  
British Science, 2.00 2.30 Food Britain, 3.00  
3.05 An Island Family, 3.10 3.35 BBC News

**Channel 4** **6.00** The Spoiled People. **6.35** The Hoobs (R). **7.00** Fred's (R). **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond (R). **7.55** Reader. **8.25** Accor'ch to Jim (M). **8.55** Friends (R). **9.25** Back to You (R). **9.55** Relocation (Relay). **10.35** The Simpsons (R). **11.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **11.25** The People's Choice Awards (R). **11.55** River Cottage Etc. (R). **12.55** Flint the Sea Choc. (1995). Second World War adventure starring John Mills. **1.42** An Indiscreet Wife (R). **2.00** Four in a Bed. **2.30** Come Dine with Me. **3.00** The Simpsons (R). **3.30** Hollywood. **3.50** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Channel 4 Presents: Ellie Simmonds. **4.42** An Indiscreet Wife (R). The peck-witching Farinlayson continues. **5.00** For Rooms. **5.30** Undercover Boss. **6.00** Farinlayson's Kitchen Nightmares USA. **6.10** 5 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. **6.25** Whoopi (R). **6.35** American Poker. **7.00** The Simpsons (R). **7.25** British Art Channel (M). **2011** (R). **8.00** RCTV Bowling Weekly. **8.30** Winchir Thirteen (R). **9.25** That Farinlayson Show (R). **9.55** Grudge

**BBC1** ● Breakfast, 8.15 *The British Invasion*, 9.00 *Cops*, 9.30 *Home*, 10.00 *The Hammer*, 10.30 *BBC News*, *Weather*, 11.00 *Footy Focus*, 11.45 *Cash In the Attic*, 12.00 *BBC News*, 12.30 *Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway*, 1.00 *Weather*, 1.20 *Regional News*, *Weather*, 1.30 *Dodger*, 2.00 *Only Fools and Horses*, 2.30 *BBC News*, 3.00 *Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway*, 3.30 *Weather*, 6.30 *Regional News Programmes*, *Weather*, 7.00 *The One Show*, 7.20 *Waterloo Road*, BBC News *Regional News*, 8.30 *In with the Normans*, 9.00 *Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway*, 9.30 *Regional News*, *Weather*, 9.55 *The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draw*, 10.15 *Going South*, 10.45 *Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway*, 11.15 *Film*, 11.30 *News*, 11.50 *Weather*, 12.00 *Sight News: Being Green*, *The Theory*, 12.30 *Country Today*, 12.45 *Philosophy*

**Channel 4** 6:00 *The 700 Club* (R) 6:30 *The Hoop* (R) 6:35 *The Hoop* (R) 7:00 *Fred's Squealed* 7:30 *Everybody Loves Raymond* (R) 7:55 *Prayer* (R) 8:00 *According to Jim* 8:35 *Beats* (R) 9:00 *Beats* (R) 9:30 *Beats* (R) 10:00 *Beats* (R) 10:30 *A Place in the Sun: Home of Angels* (R) 11:00 *Channel 4 News Summary* 11:05 *Relocation: Phil Down* (R) 11:05 *Prayer* (R) 11:30 *Prayer* (R) 11:35 *Prayer* (R) 11:40 *Prayer* (R) 11:45 *Prayer* (R) 11:50 *Prayer* (R) 11:55 *Prayer* (R) 12:00 *Prayer* (R) 12:05 *Prayer* (R) 12:10 *Prayer* (R) 12:15 *Prayer* (R) 12:20 *Prayer* (R) 12:25 *Prayer* (R) 12:30 *Prayer* (R) 12:35 *Prayer* (R) 12:40 *Prayer* (R) 12:45 *Prayer* (R) 12:50 *Prayer* (R) 12:55 *Prayer* (R) 1:00 *Prayer* (R) 1:05 *Prayer* (R) 1:10 *Prayer* (R) 1:15 *Prayer* (R) 1:20 *Prayer* (R) 1:25 *Prayer* (R) 1:30 *Prayer* (R) 1:35 *Prayer* (R) 1:40 *Prayer* (R) 1:45 *Prayer* (R) 1:50 *Prayer* (R) 1:55 *Prayer* (R) 2:00 *Prayer* (R) 2:05 *Prayer* (R) 2:10 *Prayer* (R) 2:15 *Prayer* (R) 2:20 *Prayer* (R) 2:25 *Prayer* (R) 2:30 *Prayer* (R) 2:35 *Prayer* (R) 2:40 *Prayer* (R) 2:45 *Prayer* (R) 2:50 *Prayer* (R) 2:55 *Prayer* (R) 3:00 *Prayer* (R) 3:05 *Prayer* (R) 3:10 *Prayer* (R) 3:15 *Prayer* (R) 3:20 *Prayer* (R) 3:25 *Prayer* (R) 3:30 *Prayer* (R) 3:35 *Prayer* (R) 3:40 *Prayer* (R) 3:45 *Prayer* (R) 3:50 *Prayer* (R) 3:55 *Prayer* (R) 4:00 *Prayer* (R) 4:05 *Prayer* (R) 4:10 *Prayer* (R) 4:15 *Prayer* (R) 4:20 *Prayer* (R) 4:25 *Prayer* (R) 4:30 *Prayer* (R) 4:35 *Prayer* (R) 4:40 *Prayer* (R) 4:45 *Prayer* (R) 4:50 *Prayer* (R) 4:55 *Prayer* (R) 5:00 *Prayer* (R) 5:05 *Prayer* (R) 5:10 *Prayer* (R) 5:15 *Prayer* (R) 5:20 *Prayer* (R) 5:25 *Prayer* (R) 5:30 *Prayer* (R) 5:35 *Prayer* (R) 5:40 *Prayer* (R) 5:45 *Prayer* (R) 5:50 *Prayer* (R) 5:55 *Prayer* (R) 6:00 *Prayer* (R) 6:05 *Prayer* (R) 6:10 *Prayer* (R) 6:15 *Prayer* (R) 6:20 *Prayer* (R) 6:25 *Prayer* (R) 6:30 *Prayer* (R) 6:35 *Prayer* (R) 6:40 *Prayer* (R) 6:45 *Prayer* (R) 6:50 *Prayer* (R) 6:55 *Prayer* (R) 7:00 *Prayer* (R) 7:05 *Prayer* (R) 7:10 *Prayer* (R) 7:15 *Prayer* (R) 7:20 *Prayer* (R) 7:25 *Prayer* (R) 7:30 *Prayer* (R) 7:35 *Prayer* (R) 7:40 *Prayer* (R) 7:45 *Prayer* (R) 7:50 *Prayer* (R) 7:55 *Prayer* (R) 8:00 *Prayer* (R) 8:05 *Prayer* (R) 8:10 *Prayer* (R) 8:15 *Prayer* (R) 8:20 *Prayer* (R) 8:25 *Prayer* (R) 8:30 *Prayer* (R) 8:35 *Prayer* (R) 8:40 *Prayer* (R) 8:45 *Prayer* (R) 8:50 *Prayer* (R) 8:55 *Prayer* (R) 9:00 *Prayer* (R) 9:05 *Prayer* (R) 9:10 *Prayer* (R) 9:15 *Prayer* (R) 9:20 *Prayer* (R) 9:25 *Prayer* (R) 9:30 *Prayer* (R) 9:35 *Prayer* (R) 9:40 *Prayer* (R) 9:45 *Prayer* (R) 9:50 *Prayer* (R) 9:55 *Prayer* (R) 10:00 *Prayer* (R) 10:05 *Prayer* (R) 10:10 *Prayer* (R) 10:15 *Prayer* (R) 10:20 *Prayer* (R) 10:25 *Prayer* (R) 10:30 *Prayer* (R) 10:35 *Prayer* (R) 10:40 *Prayer* (R) 10:45 *Prayer* (R) 10:50 *Prayer* (R) 10:55 *Prayer* (R) 11:00 *Prayer* (R) 11:05 *Prayer* (R) 11:10 *Prayer* (R) 11:15 *Prayer* (R) 11:20 *Prayer* (R) 11:25 *Prayer* (R) 11:30 *Prayer* (R) 11:35 *Prayer* (R) 11:40 *Prayer* (R) 11:45 *Prayer* (R) 11:50 *Prayer* (R) 11:55 *Prayer* (R) 12:00 *Prayer* (R) 12:05 *Prayer* (R) 12:10 *Prayer* (R) 12:15 *Prayer* (R) 12:20 *Prayer* (R) 12:25 *Prayer* (R) 12:30 *Prayer* (R) 12:35 *Prayer* (R) 12:40 *Prayer* (R) 12:45 *Prayer* (R) 12:50 *Prayer* (R) 12:55 *Prayer* (R) 1:00 *Prayer* (R) 1:05 *Prayer* (R) 1:10 *Prayer* (R) 1:15 *Prayer* (R) 1:20 *Prayer* (R) 1:25 *Prayer* (R) 1:30 *Prayer* (R) 1:35 *Prayer* (R) 1:40 *Prayer* (R) 1:45 *Prayer* (R) 1:50 *Prayer* (R) 1:55 *Prayer* (R) 2:00 *Prayer* (R) 2:05 *Prayer* (R) 2:10 *Prayer* (R) 2:15 *Prayer* (R) 2:20 *Prayer* (R) 2:25 *Prayer* (R) 2:30 *Prayer* (R) 2:35 *Prayer* (R) 2:40 *Prayer* (R) 2:45 *Prayer* (R) 2:50 *Prayer* (R) 2:55 *Prayer* (R) 3:00 *Prayer* (R) 3:05 *Prayer* (R) 3:10 *Prayer* (R) 3:15 *Prayer* (R) 3:20 *Prayer* (R) 3:25 *Prayer* (R) 3:30 *Prayer* (R) 3:35 *Prayer* (R) 3:40 *Prayer* (R) 3:45 *Prayer* (R) 3:50 *Prayer* (R) 3:55 *Prayer* (R) 4:00 *Prayer* (R) 4:05 *Prayer* (R) 4:10 *Prayer* (R) 4:15 *Prayer* (R) 4:20 *Prayer* (R) 4:25 *Prayer* (R) 4:30 *Prayer* (R) 4:35 *Prayer* (R) 4:40 *Prayer* (R) 4:45 *Prayer* (R) 4:50 *Prayer* (R) 4:55 *Prayer* (R) 5:00 *Prayer* (R) 5:05 *Prayer* (R) 5:10 *Prayer* (R) 5:15 *Prayer* (R) 5:20 *Prayer* (R) 5:25 *Prayer* (R) 5:30 *Prayer* (R) 5:35 *Prayer* (R) 5:40 *Prayer* (R) 5:45 *Prayer* (R) 5:50 *Prayer* (R) 5:55 *Prayer* (R) 6:00 *Prayer* (R) 6:05 *Prayer* (R) 6:10 *Prayer* (R) 6:15 *Prayer* (R) 6:20 *Prayer* (R) 6:25 *Prayer* (R) 6:30 *Prayer* (R) 6:35 *Prayer* (R) 6:40 *Prayer* (R) 6:45 *Prayer* (R) 6:50 *Prayer* (R) 6:55 *Prayer* (R) 7:00 *Prayer* (R) 7:05 *Prayer* (R)

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 Doctors, 2.10 Only Fools and Horses, 3.05 BBC  
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 Breakfast, 4.00 Regional News Programme, 4.15  
 Weather, 4.30 The One Show, 5.20 EndEnder,  
 BBC News, Regional News, 5.30 Traffic Cam  
 News, 5.45 The Big Breakfast, 6.00 The Big  
 Breakfast, 6.25 Regional News, Weather, 6.35  
 Question Time, 6.55 This Week, Holiday  
 Home, 7.00 The First Four, 7.15 The First Four  
 Mutt - Raining, 7.45 Countryfile, 7.55  
 Britain's Next Big Thing, 8.15 FIVE  
 3.30 BBC News

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[R] 6:30 The Hoobos [R]  
6:45 The Hoobos [R] 7:00 Freddy's Supperz [Z]  
Everybody Loves Raymond [R] ZSS Fender [R]  
8:00 The Hoobos [R] 8:30 The Hoobos [R]  
9:00 You [R] 9:30 Channel-Heide Peckle [R] 10:00  
A Place In The Sun Home or Away [R] 11:00  
Channel 4 Present - Elle Simmonco 2012 [R]  
11:30 Channel 4 Present - Elle Simmonco 2012 [R]  
Rebooted Phil Down Under [R] 12:00 Channel 4  
Roasting Live coverage of four roasts from  
the Channel 4 Roast [R] 12:30 Channel 4  
Diet, 5:00 Four in a Bed 5:30 Come Dine With  
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Dogs: 9.00 Home: Under the  
Hammer: (F) BBC News: Weather: 11.00 Fox  
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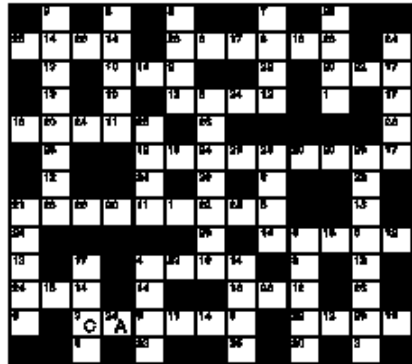


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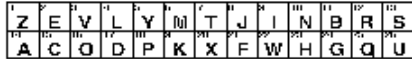
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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## Double Crossword

Choose either the quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

- They indicate the strength of current potential (4)
- Foot has to yearn for a companion (10)
- What the organ pedal will produce (see below) (8)
- Its kind of right for this to apply to make for printing (4)
- Slide back - not here all travellers will go! (2,4)
- What is chosen to make a red hat (6)
- EMI influences one round off all round (6)
- A breakaway group apart of the bat (10)
- It will hold up any bleeding thing (4)
- Present day choice by which the child may be taken in (8)
- Clear window needed (10)
- Part of the ship to turn upside down (4)

## Down

- Lady Edith? He may wish to be! (10)
- Strip of wood not quite big enough for reading material (4)
- Not related to description of silent bells, see hear (6)
- Adapt some previous to influence the feelings (6)
- 17 Dr. - Sticking down vibrations of elemental power (8,6)
- State holding seat on influenced (4)
- Noted example of what can come from the top (10)
- No million in this style can have a soothing effect (8)
- A light that will make you from ground level (6)
- See 6 Down
- Only a single man can perform it (4)
- It may go into bottle, but not full of water (4)

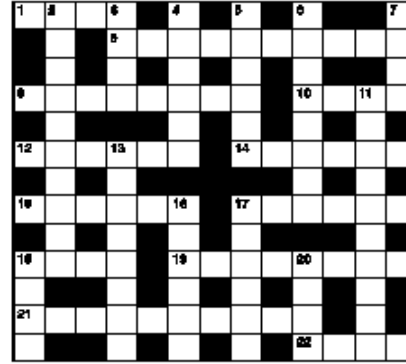
## Quick Clues:

## Across

- Propose (4)
- Habitat (10)
- Region (8)
- Excursion (4)
- Slend (6)
- Overstap (6)
- Kind deed (6)
- Intelligent (6)
- Order (4)
- Ratty (8)
- Executive (10)
- Strip (4)

## Down

- Score (10)
- Delay action (4)
- Beginner (6)
- Small (6)
- Speed (8)
- Rip (4)
- Without incident (10)
- Technical vocabulary (8)
- Lay waste (6)
- Incapacitated (6)
- Colossal (4)
- Wave (4)

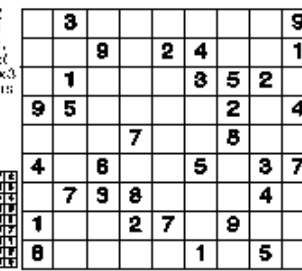


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## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.



## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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Sandwell and Dudley to fill  
job opportunities is being  
launched.

It is part of a new £1.85 million push  
to get young people into training and  
employment across the Black  
Country.

Teenagers are being urged to get in  
touch with the Kickstart: Gold  
scheme if they are not in education,  
employment or training to arrange an  
interview with a view to gaining  
employment and an apprenticeship  
place.

A series of recruitment events are  
being held in Sandwell and Dudley  
next month (July) to find 200  
16-18-year-olds who would benefit  
from the scheme, which is being run  
by Oldbury-based BCTG.

BCTG, based in Taylors Lane,  
recently secured £1.85 million from  
the Skills Funding Agency, the Young  
Peoples Learning Agency and the  
European Social Fund (ESF) to run  
the new programme across Dudley  
and Sandwell.

It has commissioned a host of skilled  
training providers who will work  
alongside young people and provide  
job placements and give them a

"kick start" back into learning and  
employment.

Kickstart: Gold follows on from an  
earlier scheme called Kick Start Life,  
which helped young people like 17-  
year-old Wayne Groves (pictured).

Wayne recently met West  
Bromwich West MP Adrian Bailey  
during a visit to BCTG, when it  
announced it had secured funding  
for the new Kickstart: Gold  
programme in May.

The 17-year-old, from Tipton, has  
gone from leaving school without any  
qualifications to now starting an  
apprenticeship in vehicle fitting with  
training provider NACRO having  
successfully completed the earlier  
Kick Start Life programme.

Wayne said: "If it wasn't for Kick  
Start, I wouldn't be doing anything  
now. Instead I've got more  
confidence and am now doing an  
apprenticeship in vehicle fitting."  
Mr Bailey said: "I am impressed by  
BCTG's work in this area with their  
skills and the commitment they bring  
to making life better for young  
people."

Chris Luty, BCTG director, said: "The  
aim of Kickstart: Gold is to give  
young people a kick start back into  
learning which will then lead to a  
place at college, an apprenticeship or  
employment."

"In Wayne's case it has led to a future  
with good training and an  
apprenticeship so he can go out and  
get a job."

"We are holding two recruitment  
events in July to help other young  
people who like Wayne will benefit  
from the programme and who will get  
help to find work with proper training  
attached to it."

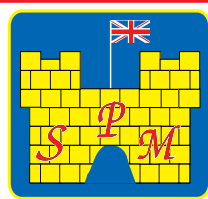
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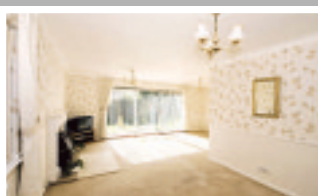
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**52 IVYHOUSE LANE O/A £159,950  
COSELEY**

- Spacious four bedroom semi
- Upvc double glazing
- Majority gas central heating
- Good sized rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**REDUCED**  
**226 BIRMINGHAM NEW RD O/A £155,000  
COSELEY**

- Well presented semi detached
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Spacious bathroom with separate shower
- Well fitted kitchen & dining area
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**NO UPWARD CHAIN**  
**16 CEDAR AVENUE £144,950  
COSELEY**

- Well maintained semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Extended kitchen
- Modern gas central heating system
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**6 SHAKESPEARE CLOSE £132,950  
COSELEY**

- Semi detached house
- Through lounge & dining area
- Three bedrooms
- Ample off street parking
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**2 ANDERSLEIGH DRIVE £132,500  
COSELEY**

- Modern semi detached house
- Well presented & improved
- Three bedrooms
- Large workshop/gym
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED**  
**OCCUPATION ST £128,750  
DUDLEY**

- Attractive individual detached three bedroom house
- Lawned gardens with off road parking, convenient location
- Fitted kitchen, spacious living room
- Internal inspection recommended to fully appreciate this unique build
- Carpets included in this new home which is ready to occupy
- DUDLEY OFFICE



**6 WESTFIELD ROAD £119,950  
SEDGLEY**

- Mid terrace with four bedrooms
- Ample off street parking
- Backing onto wooded area
- Good sized rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**23 HICKMERLANDS LANE OIRO £119,950  
SEDGLEY**

- End terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Majority gas central heating
- Useful hobby/utility room
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**39 DARLASTON ROAD £119,950  
WEDNESBURY**

- Considerably improved
- Three bedrooms
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Conservatory
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**18 JOHNSON STREET £119,950  
COSELEY**

- Well presented end terraced house
- Three bedrooms, dining kitchen
- Garage in garage block
- Ample off street parking
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**39 CROSS LANE £114,950  
SEDGLEY**

- Four bedrooms
- Majority double glazing & gas central heating
- Refitted kitchen
- Close to centre of Sedgley
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**28 DAFFODIL CLOSE £109,950  
SEDGLEY**

- Modern semi detached house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Breakfast kitchen
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**64 SPRINGFIELD GROVE £109,950  
SEDGLEY**

- Three good sized bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen & bathroom
- Separate lounge & dining room
- Ample parking
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**17 LYNDALE ROAD £99,950  
DUDLEY**

- Extended end terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Well maintained accommodation
- Garage Space
- DUDLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**12 HOLLY ROAD £99,950  
DUDLEY**

- Modernised & improved
- Two bedrooms
- Conservatory, shower room
- Ample off street parking
- DUDLEY OFFICE



**REDUCED**  
**11 BLACKBROOK ROAD £89,950  
DUDLEY**

- Terraced house with three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Shower room, separate wc
- Conservatory
- DUDLEY OFFICE



**REDUCED**  
**5 WINDSOR STREET £80,000  
BILSTON**

- A well presented mid terraced house
- Two double bedrooms & two sitting rooms
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Off street parking
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NO UPWARD CHAIN**  
**20 ZOAR STREET £74,950  
LOWER GORNAL**

- Spacious one bedroom flat
- Close to Gornal Village
- Good views at rear
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



**NEW**  
**13 FIVEWAYS COURT £53,500  
LOWER GORNAL**

- Second floor apartment
- Spacious modern accommodation
- Superb views to rear
- Two bedrooms, large living room
- SEDGLEY OFFICE





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## TIPTON

### DAVIS AVENUE

•Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Extended Fitted Kitchen •Fitted Bathroom •Gas Central Heated, Double Glazed •Driveway •Rear Garden Having Decking

**£119,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## GORNAL WOOD

### BROOK STREET

•A Detached Residence •Three Bedrooms •Through Lounge/Dining Room •Kitchen •First Floor Bathroom •GCH System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Enclosed Parking To The Rear •Front Garden

**£129,995** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY WOOD

### DUDLEY WOOD ROAD

•Two Bedroom Bay Fronted Semi Detached •Lounge/Dining Room •Kitchen and Conservatory •Bathroom/WC •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing •Front and Rear Garden •Garage •Driveway

**£124,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## TIVIDALE

### CITY ROAD

•Two Bedroom Extended Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Extended Kitchen •Bathroom/WC •Gas Central Heated •Double Glazed Where Stated •Attic Room •Front and Rear Garden •Driveway

**£120,000** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## BRIERLEY HILL

### ROACH CLOSE

•Two Bedroom Semi Detached •Lounge •Kitchen/Diner •Bathroom •Gas Central Heated •Double Glazed Where Stated •WC Downstairs •Front and Rear Garden •Driveway

**£114,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## TIVIDALE QUAYS

### TIVIDALE STREET

•Two Bedroom Modern Semi Detached •Lounge/Dining Room •Kitchen •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Alarm Installation (not tested) •Driveway Providing Off Road Parking •Front And Rear Garden •Ideal For First Time Buyers

**£99,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### THE BROADWAY

•Three Bedroom Extended Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Extended Fitted Kitchen •Bathroom Having White Suite •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Garage •Block Paved Driveway

**£154,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## NETHERTON

### RACEMEADOW CRESCENT

•Modern Three Bedroom Townhouse •En-Suites To Bedrooms 1 & 2 •Lounge, Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room •Garage, Rear Garden •Driveway

**£154,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## TIVIDALE

### ALEXANDRA WAY

•Two Bedroom End Townhouse •Lounge •Kitchen •Bathroom/WC •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Front and Rear Garden •Allocated Parking •En-Bloc Garage

**£94,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### ATTINGHAM DRIVE

•Four Bedroom Detached •Lounge & Fitted Dining Kitchen •Utility & Ground Floor Cloakroom •En-Suite To Bedroom One •Gas Central Heating •Double Glazed •Rear Garden and Garage

**£200,000** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### CROMWELL DRIVE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Lounge, Separate Dining Room •Utility Room and Downstairs WC •Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating

**£114,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## TIPTON

### TIVIDALE ROAD

•Two Bedroom Modern End Terrace •Lounge Kitchen •Bathroom •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Front And Rear Garden •En-Bloc Garage •Driveway •No Upward Chain

**£105,000** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### LAUREL ROAD

•Much Improved Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Lounge •Re-Fitted Kitchen •Re-Fitted Bathroom •Gas Central Heated System •Double Glazed Where Stated •Front And Rear Garden •Driveway

**£99,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## STOURBRIDGE

### CARLTON AVENUE

•One Bedroom First Floor Flat •Kitchen/Diner •Bathroom •Communal Garden •Gas Fired Central Heating System

**£77,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## TIVIDALE

### MUIRFIELD CRESCENT

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Extended Kitchen •Extended Games Dining Room •Bathroom •Downstairs Toilet •Gas Central Heated System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Front and Rear Garden •Driveway •Garage

**£158,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## GREAT BRIDGE

### HEMPLE LANE

•Mid Terraced Residence •Three Bedrooms •Lounge •Kitchen •First Floor Bathroom •GCH System •D/G Where Stated •Rear Garden •Driveway

**£110,000** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## LOWER GORNAL

### CENTRAL DRIVE

•Three Bedroom End Townhouse •Lounge •Kitchen •Family Bathroom •In need of modernising •Rear Garden •NO UPWARD CHAIN

**£79,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## BRIERLEY HILL

### ROOKERY PARK

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Lounge •Kitchen •Family Bathroom •Conservatory •Downstairs Toilet •Gas Central Heated System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Driveway •Rear Garden •NO UPWARD CHAIN

**£99,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY WOOD

•Three Bedroom Bay Fronted End Terraced Residence •Two Reception Rooms •Fitted Kitchen •Upstairs Bathroom •Gas Central Heated System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Front And Rear Garden •Driveway

**£144,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## MILKING BANK

### AUSTIN CLOSE

•Extended Semi Detached •Lounge •Breakfast Kitchen •Utility Room •En-Suite To Bedroom One •House Bathroom •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Driveway •Cu-De-Sac Location •No Upward Chain

**£149,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## NETHERTON

### CHICHESTER AVENUE

•Three Bedroom Mid Townhouse •Lounge •Kitchen/Diner •Bathroom •Gas Central Heated System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Front and Rear Garden

**£115,000** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## LOWER GORNAL

### WHITEBEAM CLOSE

•Two Bedroom Mid Terrace •Lounge •Overlooking Rear Garden •Fitted Kitchen •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazed Where Stated •Rear Garden •Cul-De-Sac Location

**£99,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## WEDNESBURY OAK

### LESLIE DRIVE

•Extended Semi Detached •Three Bedrooms, Through Lounge/Dining Room •Extended Fitted Kitchen •GCH System, D/G Driveway

**£150,000** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### WOODLAND AVENUE

•Extended Three Bedroom Bay Fronted Semi Detached •Lounge •Extended Kitchen/Dining Room •Ground Floor Shower Room •First Floor Bathroom •Gas Central Heated •Double Glazed Where Stated •Front And Rear Garden •Garage •Driveway

**£154,950** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### JUNCTION STREET

•Spacious One Bedroom Ground Floor Accommodation. Close to Town Centre, Allocated Parking. \*\*\*DSS Accepted with Guarantor\*\*\*

**£375 PCM** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### CHURCHFIELD STREET

•A Large Three Bedroom Residence •Two Reception Rooms •Kitchen and Wet Room •Bathroom. Other benefits include Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. DSS ACCEPTED...

**£480 PCM** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### GRAINGER STREET

A chance to let this desirable mid terraced property comprising two reception rooms and kitchen to ground floor and two bedrooms and bathroom to first floor. The property has double glazing and central heating, viewing recommended

**£425 PCM** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### SPRING PARKLANDS

A Three Bedroom Semi Detached having two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, upstairs having three bedrooms and bathroom. Other features include gas central heating and a garage. \*\*\*DSS ACCEPTED WITH GUARANTOR\*\*\*

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## TIVIDALE QUAYS

### PATRICIA DRIVE

•Modern Two Bedroom Semi Detached House in the Tividale Quays area Close to Dudley Port Railway Station. Fitted Dining Kitchen, Lounge, Bathroom with Shower, Double Glazed and Gas Central Heating. Rear Garden and Parking to front

**£525 PCM** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## BRIERLEY HILL

### CAMPBELL STREET

A chance to let this semi detached property comprising lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Other features include garage & drive \*\*\*DSS ACCEPTED WITH GUARANTOR\*\*\*

**£525 PCM** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### HELLIER STREET

A three bedroom terraced residence comprising two reception rooms, kitchen and ground floor bathroom. Other features include gas central heating and double glazed. \*\*\*DSS ACCEPTED WITH GUARANTOR\*\*\*

**£430 PCM** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### COLSYLL GARDENS

Detached Residence • Three Bedrooms • Through Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Ground Floor Cloakroom • GCH System • D/G • Close To Town Centre • Drive & Garage

**£650 PCM** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000

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# RODENBOYDELL

## LOWER GORNAL



### PROSPECT ROAD

A detached home of considerable style and elegance that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining area, a superb fitted kitchen, a downstairs w/c, a master suite that incorporates a bedroom, a sitting room, an en-suite shower room and a balcony, three further upstairs rooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a beautiful rear garden.

**£329,950**

## SEDGLEY



### GREENACRES

A four bedroom detached home that enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location with breathtaking views of the local farmland. It briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen, a 23ft conservatory, a utility room, a downstairs shower room, four bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a large rear garden.

**£269,950**

## LOWER GORNAL



### RANSCOMBE DRIVE

A three bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, a utility room, three double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a large rear garden.

**£239,950**

## SEDGLEY



### SOTHERNDOWN ROAD

A three/four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining area, a magnificent fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, an office/bedroom four, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden.

**£239,950**

## ETTINGSALL PARK



### GROSVENOR ROAD

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan lounge/dining area, a playroom/study, a breakfast kitchen, four bedrooms, a bathroom, a garage, a downstairs shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a lovely rear garden.

**£229,950**

## SEDGLEY



### KINGFISHER CLOSE

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an open plan dining room / kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a beautiful rear garden that backs onto the local copple.

**£199,950**

## THE HEDGEROWS



### GOODRICH MEWS

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge with French doors opening onto the rear garden, a dining room, a magnificent fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a detached garage and a good sized rear garden.

**£194,950**

## GORNAL WOOD



### EAST STREET

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge with doors leading into the conservatory, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

**£194,950**

## COSELEY



### FLAMBOROUGH WAY

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room with a patio door opening on to the rear garden, reappointed kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, UPVC double glazing (where stated), gas-fired central heating, garage and a pleasant rear garden.

**£191,950**

## EARLS KEEP



### MANSSION CLOSE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

**£187,950**

## UPPER GORNAL



### KENT STREET

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, an impressive reception hall, a spacious through lounge, a magnificent re-appointed dining kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, a re-appointed bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage with an office and w/c to the rear, a gravelled driveway and a delightful rear garden.

**£184,950**

## SEDGLEY



### DUDLEY ROAD

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms, shower room, uPVC double glazing (where stated), gas-fired central heating and a beautiful rear garden.

**£167,950**

## MILKING BANK



### BRELADES CLOSE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a magnificent fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a lovely rear garden.

**£162,950**

## THE HEDGEROWS



### GOODRICH MEWS

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge with doors leading into the conservatory, a dining room, a magnificent fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

**£162,950**

## SEDGLEY



### DINGLE VIEW

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, an open plan lounge/dining room, a fitted kitchen, a utility room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

**£159,950**

## WOODSETTON



### BROOK STREET

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a re-appointed kitchen, three bedrooms, a re-appointed bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

**£151,950**

## SEDGLEY



### QUEENS ROAD

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a sitting room/dining area, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a study, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

**£144,950**

## COSELEY



### ELMDALE ROAD

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an extended dining room/sitting room, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

**£139,950**

## UPPER GORNAL



### VALE STREET

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an open plan kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden.

**£136,950**

## FAIRVIEW PARK



### MANDERSTON CLOSE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, an inner hallway, a downstairs wc, two good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a rear garden and an adjacent double carport area that provides parking for two cars.

**£124,950**

## DUDLEY



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## UPPER GORNAL



### VALE STREET

A two bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a separate dining room, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, two bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a rear garden.

**£114,950**

## LOWER GORNAL



### ELLOWES ROAD

A two bedroom town house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, a conservatory, two bedrooms, a bathroom, a loft conversion, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a rear garden.

**£106,950**

## HURST HILL



### SPRINGVALE CLOSE

A three bedroom mid town house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an open plan kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing and a pleasant garden with rear access.

**£94,950**



## THE STRAITS SANDYFIELDS ROAD



- ★ Bungalow
- ★ Detached
- ★ Hall
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Double glazed
- ★ Open rear aspect
- ★ Reduced for a quick sale

**OFFERS BASED ON £155,000**

## WOMBOURNE BRATCH PARK



- ★ Bungalow
- ★ Detached
- ★ Hall
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Double glazed
- ★ Sought after location

**OFFERS BASED ON £179,950**

## PENSNETT SMITHY LANE



- ★ Semi detached
- ★ In need of refurbishment
- ★ Hall
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen/diner
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gardens
- ★ Open rear aspect

**OFFERS BASED ON £65,000**

## GORNAL BULL STREET



- ★ Semi detached
- ★ In need of refurbishment
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Dining room ★ Kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom ★ Gardens
- ★ Double glazed
- ★ Gas central heating

**OFFERS BASED ON £110,000**

## GORNAL WOOD ROAD



- ★ Semi-detached ★ Porch
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen/Diner ★ Laundry
- ★ 3 Bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage
- ★ Two large workshops
- ★ Gardens ★ Parking
- ★ Gas CH ★ Double glazed

**OFFERS BASED ON £110,000**

## UPPER GORNAL HILARY CREST



- ★ Ground floor apartment
- ★ Cul-de-sac location
- ★ Immaculate throughout
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom ★ Double glazed
- ★ Gas CH

**OFFERS BASED ON £85,000**

## UPPER GORNAL QUARRY BROW



- ★ Semi-detached
- ★ Corner plot
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom ★ Parking
- ★ Gas CH ★ Double glazed

**OFFERS BASED ON £92,500**

## DUDLEY DIBDALE ROAD



- ★ Semi-detached
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen/diner
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Loft room conversion
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Double glazed
- ★ Large gardens
- ★ Immaculate throughout

**OFFERS BASED ON £149,950**

## GORNAL HILLCREST



- ★ Semi detached
- ★ Hall
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Dining room
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gardens
- ★ Ideal first purchase

**OFFERS BASED ON £85,000**

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## BRIDGNORTH ROAD, STOURTON

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Porch, Reception Hall, Sitting Room, Living Room, Conservatory, Dining Kitchen, Downstairs WC, Landing, Four Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Parking, Rear Garden.

**GUIDE PRICE: £385,000**

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## BRIDGNORTH ROAD, STOURTON

A Four Bedroom Detached Residence Situated In A Popular Location.

Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room/Study, Office, Dining Kitchen, Utility Room, Downstairs Shower Room, Landing, Master Bedroom With En-Suite, Three Further Bedrooms, House Bathroom, Garage, Rear Gardens.

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## SHAFTESBURY AVENUE, PEDMORE

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Hall, Fitted Cloakroom, Three Receptions, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, Four Bedrooms, Two En-Suites, House Bathroom, Dressing Room, Double Garage, Front And Rear Garden.

**GUIDE PRICE: £499,500**

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## BELBROUGHTON ROAD, BLAKEDOWN

A Detached Five Bedroom Residence Situated In This Sought After Village.

Reception Hall, Fitted Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Dining Kitchen, Utility, Landing, 5 Bedrooms, En Suite Shower Room, House Bathroom, Double Garage, Front And Rear Gardens.

**GUIDE PRICE: £545,000**

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## GREENWAY AVENUE, STOURBRIDGE

A Two Bedroom Semi Detached residence Situated in this Popular Location.

Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Kitchen, Landing, Two Bedrooms, House Bathroom, Tandem Garage, Rear Garden.

**GUIDE PRICE: £145,000**

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## AMBLECOTE ROAD, BRIERLEY HILL

A Detached Two Bedroom Bungalow Situated In This Popular Location.

Porch, Reception Hall, Through Sitting Room with Dining Area, Conservatory, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Rear Gardens.

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### DUDLEY QUENTIN DRIVE

Most pleasantly situated towards the head of this popular and mature cul-de-sac with large well kept rear gardens, this delightfully presented Modern 3 Bedroom Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the larger family and briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Large Bathroom with Separate Shower, Large Side Garage. Pleasant Large Lawned Rear Gardens with southern facing aspect and Block Paved Driveway for 2 Cars to the Front.

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### DUDLEY WOOD QUARRY ROAD

This delightfully presented, extended Traditional Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed family accommodation pleasantly situated in this ever popular address and must be seen to be fully appreciated. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Downstairs W.C., Spacious Lounge opening to Attractively fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, separate Dining Room, Double Glazed Conservatory, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Fitted Shower Room, further House Bathroom, Superb Large landscaped Mature Rear Gardens with Pleasant Outlook, Driveway for 2/3 cars and side Garage.

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### WORDSLEY HAMILTON DRIVE

Pleasantly situated in this ever popular address, this well presented Modern 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and Mostly UPVC Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Spacious Dining Kitchen with Built in Oven and Hob, 3 Good Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with Shower, side Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens and Driveway for 2/3 Cars to the front.

**Offers around £139,950**



### NETHERTON BIRCH TERRACE

This well presented Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family in this popular address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, attractive Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, 2 good Bedrooms with access to Bedroom 3, refitted Bathroom, pleasant long rear garden with tarmac driveway providing excellent rear parking with excellent further scope for storage of caravan/boat etc. or other uses (subject to planning permissions).

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**Available at £118,000**



### KINGSWINFORD BROMLEY LANE

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this well presented Modern 3 Bedroom Intermediate Townhouse provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated accommodation with Upvc replacement windows ideal for the young family and briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Large Dining Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower, Enclosed Rear Gardens with gates allowing for off road Parking and neat Front Garden.

**Offers around £114,950**



### NETHERTON MALLOW CLOSE

Pleasantly situated just into the popular cul-de-sac of Bowling Green Road, this Modern Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated accommodation which although requires modernisation and improvement provides tremendous further potential for the young family. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and briefly comprising:- Porch, Hall, Spacious Lounge, Dining Kitchen with Built in Oven and hob, Potential Utility, 2 Good Bedrooms (originally 3 and easily reconverted), Bathroom, Side Garage, Driveway and Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect.

**Offers around £104,950**



### BROCKMOOR NEWTOWN

Enjoying a pleasant position in this popular address overlooking the grounds of the church, this delightfully presented Modern 2 Bedroom Intermediate Townhouse provides well planned stylishly appointed accommodation with UPVC double glazing ideal for the discerning first time buyer and available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the accommodation includes: Attractive Lounge, attractive Dining Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 Well Proportioned Bedrooms, attractively fitted Bathroom with shower, Enclosed Low Maintenance Rear Garden and Gravelled Front Garden.

**Offers around £99,950**



### BRIERLEY HILL MOOR STREET

This delightfully presented Modern 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment was constructed just over 12 months ago by Barratt Homes to an exacting specification and provides spacious well planned double glazed accommodation with electric heating ideal for the discerning First Time Buyer, Professional Couple or Retired. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the accommodation includes: security controlled Entrance, Hall, spacious Lounge leading to superbly fitted kitchen with Built in Oven and Hob, 2 good Bedrooms, Attractive Bathroom with Shower, Communal Kitchens and Allocated Parking.

**Offers around £99,950**



### DUDLEY WOOD CRABOURNE ROAD

Pleasantly situated in this popular, mature and convenient address, this Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides spacious, Upvc double glazed accommodation with right storage heating and although requiring modernisation and improvement provides tremendous further potential. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and briefly comprising:- Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Good Bedrooms, Bathroom, Large Useful Basement Room with great potential, pleasant lawned mature Rear Gardens with access from the rear and Foregrounds.

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### QUARRY BANK WOODLAND AVENUE

This attractively presented much improved 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached property provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation for the discerning young family or First Time buyer and is pleasantly situated in this ever popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Large Refitted Dining Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant Large Lawned Rear Gardens with useful brick built stores and Driveway for 2 cars to the front.

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### LOWER GORNAL ASH GROVE

IDEAL FOR THE INVESTOR Occupying a large corner plot in this popular and convenient cul-de-sac, this spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides recently redecorated gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the investor or those with a large deposit and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises: Hall, spacious Lounge, Dining Kitchen, 3 well proportioned Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, rear Gardens, driveway parking and additional lawned gardens to come plot.

**Offers around £90,000**



### BRIERLEY HILL BRYCE ROAD

With tremendous further scope and pleasantly situated in this popular address, this 2 bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time Buyer or young family and briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Refitted Kitchen with oven and hob, Downstairs W.C., 2 Good Sized Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage (dotted), and Long Lawned Rear Gardens with pleasant westerly aspect which are not overlooked from the rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

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### Tividale TIMOTHY ROAD

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### DUDLEY Tansley Green Road

A two bedroom well presented semi detached house with hallway, lounge, kitchen, garden to rear and garage

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A spacious attractive family home located on the popular "Clockfields" estate. The house briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, ensuite to master bedroom, garage, driveway and gardens to front and rear

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### DUDLEY Parkes Hall Road

A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, large garden to the rear and driveway to the front.

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### SEDGLEY Queens Road

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Upper Gornal

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**Eve Lane**

A detached two/three bedroom bungalow with accommodation briefly comprising of: one/two reception rooms, bathroom, dining room, kitchen, gardens, gas central heating and double glazing as specified. No upward chain.

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**Claycroft Terrace**

A semi detached property in need of modernisation, accommodation comprises porch, hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, outbuilding having w.c., first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating.

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**Seagull Bay Drive**

An immaculately presented detached property comprises entrance porch, hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, first floor having master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms and bathroom, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified.

Tipton

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**Bloomfield Terrace**

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**Bloomfield Road**

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Russells Hall

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**Osprey Drive**

A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

Lower Gornal

£115,000

**Abbey Street**

A detached property, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs bathroom, first floor landing having two bedrooms, garage, garden to the rear. Viewing highly recommended.

Coseley

£115,000

**Hospital Lane**

Connells are pleased to introduce this end terrace property having two bedrooms, one reception room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, gas central heating, double glazing as specified, off road parking space and garage, front and rear gardens, alarmed.

Holly Hall

£109,950

**Norfolk Road**

A semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, verandah, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the rear.

Netherton

£124,950

**Marita Close**

A semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, integrated garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, blow air heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

Dudley

£119,950

**Denbigh Close**

A modern two bedroom end terrace, accommodation comprises entrance porch, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having master bedroom with en-suite, further bedroom, bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Ideal first time buyer purchase.

Dudley

£104,950

**St Marks Road**

A modern three bedroom terrace property comprising one reception room, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing where specified, front and rear gardens, off road parking to the front, alarmed.

Tividale

£96,950

**East Avenue**

An end terraced property, accommodation briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge and kitchen. First floor having three bedrooms and a bath room. In need of modernisation highly recommended, no upward chains.

Dudley Wood

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**Dudley Wood Road**

A well presented extended mid terrace property, accommodation comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, utility, downstairs w.c., first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

Oakham

£185,000

**Bennetts Hill**

A much improved detached bungalow, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.



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**Offers in the region of £295,000****WORDSLEY****11 Kirkpatrick Drive**

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**Price: £214,950****WORDSLEY****20 Auckland Road**

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**Offers in the region of £168,450****AMBLECOTE****Hyatt Square**

This property is positioned in a cul-de-sac location, close to all local amenities, and has gas centrally heated and double glazed, three bedroomed accommodation which comprises: hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, garage and driveway. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**OFFERS AROUND £159,950****COSELEY****Hall Lane, Hurst Hill**

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**Price: £132,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN****COSELEY****Nally Drive, Woodcross**

This well presented, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, cavity wall insulated, three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in a popular residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection and briefly comprises: entrance hall, living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, downstairs w.c.. Three good sized bedrooms, refitted shower room with white suite. Pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £115,000****KINGSWINFORD****406 Lapwood Avenue**

Very well placed upon the very popular and highly sought after 'Crestwood Park' development, close to local shops available within Lapwood Avenue itself, together with Bromley Lane, this MODERN END TOWNHOUSE offers a VERY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, STORAGE HEATING and comprising: reception hall, lounge, fitted dining kitchen with built-in appliances, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS and bathroom with light colour suite. Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY which provides off-road parking and rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Price: £109,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN****LOWER GORNAL****Wood Road**

This traditional style, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is available with no upward chain, and may be an ideal first time purchase. The property would benefit from cosmetic improvements/upgrading yet offers excellent potential, and briefly comprises: entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen, ground floor shower room. Three first floor bedrooms. Gardens to front and rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £107,995****LOWER GORNAL****Wood Road**

A conscientiously maintained & ENLARGED, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily UPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. The accommodation includes: entrance hallway, lounge, transverse dining kitchen (with double French doors out to garden), store, THREE BEDROOMS, shower room with white suite, boarded loft. Off road parking to front, good sized rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Enviably situated just off Cotwall End Road backing on to school grounds, and with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS, a conscientiously maintained, improved & gas centrally heated detached family residence in select cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes: reception hall, reappointed cloakroom, (with white suite), separate dining room, magnificent 23'7" through living room with patio doors through to a brick/UPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'oak' units, FOUR BEDROOMS (Principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite & extensive range of fitted units), bathroom with white suite, Lengthy 34' garage with utility section beyond, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £279,950****SEDGLEY****Elan Road**

An absolutely outstanding, extremely stylish, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached family residence that has been 'transformed' in recent years to an exemplary specification occupying a fine corner plot with good distant views, and within walking distance of the Bull Ring. Spacious accommodation includes: imposing reception hall, reappointed cloak, magnificent 23'3" through lounge/dining room (possibilities of sub division?), enlarged refitted breakfast kitchen with a superb range of "high gloss white" contemporary look units & many integrated appliances. Imposing gallery landing, L shape through bedroom one (possibilities of creating a shower room en suite?), two further double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite, integral garage, secluded rear garden, extensive front & side gardens, block paved drive. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £259,950****SEDGLEY****Dudley Road**

A SPACIOUS, significantly modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally & UPVC double glazed inter-war detached of character with many fine period features & providing FURTHER POTENTIAL with planning consent for substantial to side & rear. Accommodation includes entrance, imposing reception hall (original woodblock floor), store, elegant lounge with bay, sitting room, rear lobby, kitchen, transverse 24'3" verandah, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, stylish reappointed bathroom with white suite incorporating jacuzzi, large (22'8" garage), extensive, well planted/secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £229,950****GORNAL WOOD****Himley Road**

Enviably situated in favoured location within walking distance of village & abutting onto open space, a comparatively spacious, gas centrally heated, primarily UPVC double glazed detached bungalow with potential. The individual design includes L-shape 17'4" reception hall, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, 28'6" living/dining room with bay (formerly separate rooms), kitchen, garage, delightful secluded level rear garden & extensive parking to front. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £220,000****KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 Reduction****23 Penzer Street**

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND EXTREMELY LARGE TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is superbly located within walking distance from the heart of Kingswinford and schooling, providing an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of VERY WELL PRESENTED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, ground floor shower room/WC, 22+ lounge, separate dining room/second sitting room, 18+ extended dining kitchen with built-in appliances, separate utility room, THREE LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS and SPACIOUS LUXURY REFITTED HOUSE BATHROOM. The property is further enhanced by the BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a LARGE LEVEL REAR GARDEN with a sunny and private rear aspect. KINGSWINFORM OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £219,950****WALL HEATH VILLAGE****£7,500 Reduction****72 Cross Street**

THIS MAGNIFICENTLY SPACIOUS AND VERSATILE DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys a superb corner setting just a level walk from village shops and park and, ONLY JUST EXPENSIVELY RE-APPOINTED WITHIN, includes: Porch, fine large Hall, SUPERB 16'9" x 10'9" LOUNGE with arch to DINING ROOM AREA, elegant medium oak feature Kitchen, refitted bathroom, FOUR BEDROOMS (Principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite & extensive range of fitted units), bathroom with white suite, Lengthy 34' garage with utility section beyond, delightful secluded rear garden. AN EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTY. KINGSWINFORM OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £209,950**



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Commanding **SPECTACULAR PANORAMIC ELEVATED VIEWS** from the rear, this **MOST DECEPTIVE DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE** REQUIRES A **FULL INTERNAL INSPECTION** for the **EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS** and **VERSATILE** layout of **BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED** accommodation to be appreciated, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, fantastic full width lounge with **BALCONY**, separate dining room/bedroom four, spacious breakfast kitchen with built in appliances, **LARGE CONSERVATORY**, three excellent sized bedrooms, luxury refitted bathroom, shower room, **GAS CENTRAL HEATING** and **UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING**. The property is set back beyond the **BROAD DRIVEWAY** and to the rear enjoying an attractively landscaped, low maintenance private rear garden. **KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777**

Price: £214,950

**KINGSWINFORD****New Price**

22 Barnett Close

Enjoying a very pleasant 'cul de sac' setting, ideally placed for excellent local schooling, within this much sought after location, this **SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME** offers a **VERY SPACIOUS** arrangement of **VERY WELL PROPORTIONED** and **WELL PRESENTED** accommodation, including **GAS CENTRAL HEATING**, **UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING** and comprising: reception hall, full depth lounge with dining / study area, **REFITTED KITCHEN** with integrated appliances, utility / storeroom 1, utility / storeroom 2, **THREE GOOD BEDROOMS** and bathroom. Set back beyond a **GENEROUS FRONTAGE** with lawn, **TWIN GRAVEL DRIVEWAYS**, **GARAGE** and enjoying a pleasant patio / lawn rear garden. **KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777**

Price: £194,950

**LOWER GORNAL**

Robert Street



A highly individual & comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & **UPVC double glazed detached** envably situated with **PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS** to the rear & having been tremendously upgraded/modernised by present vendors in recent years. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, traditional reception hall, magnificent 24'9" through living/dining room (possibilities of sub-division?) with french doors out to garden, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, 26ft through lobby, laundry, separate toilet. **THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS**, reappointed/enlarged bathroom with white, garage, well tended gardens. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £189,950

**DUDLEY****NEW PRICE**

Aintree Way, Milking Bank

An exceptionally well presented & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & **UPVC double glazed detached** excellently situated in favoured district with good distant views. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, traditional reception hall, elegant 17'3" lounge with walk-in bay & living flame gas fire, dining room & a substantial brick/UPVC double glazed **CONSERVATORY** beyond, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, laundry, fitted cloakroom (NB: garage presently sub-divided to form an 'office' & store). Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite & a fine range of built-in wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite, neat secluded landscaped rear garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £185,000

**LOWER GORNAL**

Keats Close, Straits



A superb, significantly enhanced & refurbished, freehold, gas centrally heated & **UPVC double glazed bungalow** occupying larger than average garden and with **PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS** from rear and positioned within walking distance of open fields / country park / shops and post office. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, transverse lounge, reappointed/enlarged bathroom, upgraded breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, two double bedrooms. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £169,950

**SEDGLEY**

Dumbleberry Avenue, Brownswall Estate

A spacious, **ENLARGED**, Freehold, gas centrally heated & **UPVC double glazed semi detached** in favoured district close to country park/open fields, and so many amenities. Accommodation includes: enlarged porch, reception hall, sitting room with bay, fitted cloakroom, dining room with patio doors, enlarged/refitted kitchen. Three bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into eaves), refitted/enlarged bathroom with white suite. Lengthy (17'10") garage. Secluded rear garden, distant views. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £169,950

**WOLVERHAMPTON****NEW PRICE**

Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park

An absolutely outstanding, Freehold, gas centrally heated & **UPVC double glazed semi detached** that has been tremendously renovated & improved by present vendors in recent months envably situated in favoured location with good distant views. The superb accommodation includes: enlarged porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining room (with door out to garden), stylish enlarged/refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, together with integrated oven, hob, filter, fridge, washing machine & dishwasher. Pantry. Three bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into eaves), reappointed bathroom with white suite (chrome detailing). Lengthy 17'7" garage, secluded rear garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £169,950

**PENSNETT****£5,000 Reduction**

31 Fernhurst Drive

Enjoying a very pleasant setting upon the highly sought after 'Ravenswood' development, this **SUBSTANTIAL AND DISTINCTIVE, FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOME** offers a **PARTICULARLY GENEROUS LAYOUT** of accommodation which is **EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED** throughout, including **GAS CENTRAL HEATING**, **UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING** and comprising: reception hall, very large lounge, separate dining room area, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, utility room, inner hall, ground floor w.c., **FOUR EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS** (Bedroom 1 having an **EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM**) and house bathroom. Set back beyond the attractive front garden, together with the **TARMAC DRIVEWAY** with approach to the **GARAGE** and enjoying an **ATTRACTIVE REAR GARDEN** which enjoys an **OPEN REAR ASPECT**. **KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777**

Price: £169,950

**COSELEY**

Flowerdale Close

A meticulously maintained, tremendously enhanced, Freehold, **UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated (combi boiler)** detached in short cul-de-sac just off Berrington Drive. The superb accommodation provides: entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, elegant lounge, dining room, brick/UPVC double glazed **CONSERVATORY**, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, and various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Garage, landscaped/secluded rear garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £164,950

**DUDLEY**

Beaumaris Close (Off Richborough Drive)

An exceptionally well presented, tremendously enhanced, **UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, semi detached** that has been the subject of significant expenditure in recent years. Set in a **cul-de-sac**, the property comprises: entrance hall, refitted kitchen, former garage utilised as a utility room with matching units, transverse lounge/dining room and brick/UPVC double glazed **CONSERVATORY** beyond. Principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite, two further bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with a white suite. Professionally landscaped gardens. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £162,000

**LOWER GORNAL**

Cinder Road

**RARE OPPORTUNITY**, a delightful conscientiously maintained, recently **UPVC double glazed & also gas centrally heated semi detached** character with **TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL** on periphery of well regarded village. Accommodation provides reception hall, store, large L-shape living/dining room (previously separate rooms), kitchen, rear lobby, boiler room, separate w.c., outer double glazed porch, utility room. Three well proportioned bedrooms, recently reappointed bathroom with contemporary look white suite. Lengthy 32ft carport, secluded rear garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £160,000

**BRIERLEY HILL****NEW PRICE**

Goldencross Way

Beautifully presented throughout, this modern style, three bedroomed detached family home built by Messrs Morris Homes is conveniently situated for local amenities, and is well worthy of internal inspection. With **UPVC double glazing** and a gas central heating system, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms (with en-suite to master), family bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage, and pleasant rear garden. **BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265**

Offers around £159,950

**LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE**

Cotwall End Road

Envably situated overlooking **COUNTRY PARK**, a stylish, gas centrally heated & **UPVC double glazed semi detached** that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Outstanding accommodation includes enlarged 17ft. reception hall, excellent living room, transverse 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of 'Old English Cream' units & patio doors, store & refitted utility room beyond. Three bedrooms (one with fitted units), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white contemporary suite/a shower. Shortened 'garage', neat garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £159,950

**GORNAL WOOD**

Bank Road

An absolutely outstanding, gas centrally heated, and **UPVC double glazed semi detached cottage** believed to date back to 1780 that has been totally 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years carefully enhancing/improving many period features. Accommodation includes: sitting room (with cast fireplace), separate dining room (with cast fireplace), and store, inner hall, transverse refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'Old English Cream' units, utility room, and a brick/UPVC double glazed **CONSERVATORY**. Two double bedrooms, shower room. **EXTENSIVE GARDENS** with potential garage space (subject to regulations). **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £158,950

**LOWER GORNAL**

Prices Road

**NO UPWARD CHAIN**. A delightful, tremendously modernised & enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily **UPVC double glazed semi detached** cottage presented in exemplary order throughout in quiet 'backwater' within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Outstanding accommodation includes lounge (with living flame feature fireplace), dining room, 13'7" bathroom (separate shower), refitted through kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, vestibule & laundry section. To the first floor are two bedrooms. Extensive block paved parking to front, neat secluded rear garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £155,000

**SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE**

Southerndown Road, Brownswall Estate

**RARE OPPORTUNITY** A gas centrally heated, part **UPVC double glazed semi detached** in need of some sympathetic updating and providing significant potential. Envably situated in favoured neighbourhood, accommodation includes porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, updated kitchen, lobby, store. Three bedrooms (potential to enlarge third bedroom), bathroom, garage, garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £155,000

**LOWER GORNAL**

Browning Road, Straits

An **EXTENDED**, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) & **UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached** envably situated within walking distance of so many amenities & comprising enlarged entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, extended 18'5" kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, substantial garage, garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £153,750

**WOODSETTON**

Chartwell Close

This deceptively spacious, significantly improved, **UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached** home has been conscientiously maintained by the present owners. Situated in a quiet cul de sac location, the impressive accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, transverse lounge/dining room with **CONSERVATORY** addition, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, family/playroom, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & low maintenance rear garden. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £149,950

**GORNAL WOOD****NEW PRICE**

Maple Drive

An exceptionally well presented & extremely stylish, freehold, **UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated semi detached** in favoured 'backwater' close to fields and other amenities. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, 23ft through living/dining room (possibilities of sub-division?) with patio doors, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances, store. Three generous size bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite/chrome detailing & a shower. Gated tarmac drive & a brick garage, neat gardens. **SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888**

Offers in the region of £149,950





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NO UPWARD CHAIN. An attractive, EXTENDED, and conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in a well regarded district. The accommodation includes: porch, reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, sitting room, extended (11'10" x 11'11") breakfast kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £147,950

**WOODSETTON****Woodsetton Close**

A conscientiously maintained, significantly modernised & improved, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in quiet cul de sac with secluded well tended rear garden. Accommodation includes enlarged entrance porch, inner hallway, stylish living room, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of units (patio doors out to garden), three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite, garage, ample parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,950

**SEDGLEY****Northway**

An attractive, significantly improved & conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed Leasehold semi detached, in popular favoured neighbourhood. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, lounge, dining room (with patio doors to garden), kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), bathroom, carport, utility room & 'office' beyond, block paved foregarden, landscaped rear garden with raised decking & good views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,000

**WITHYMOOR VILLAGE****NEW PRICE****Gayfield Avenue**

We are pleased to offer for sale this extended, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed, modern style three bedroomed link detached property, which has been sensibly priced for the current market. Ideally suited to the young family, the accommodation comprises: porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, extended dining area, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, cavity wall insulation, burglar alarm. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £144,950

**WOODSETTON****NEW PRICE****Brook Street**

Significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in well regarded district with open aspect to front. Excellent accommodation includes glazed porch, reception hall, lounge with living flame feature gas fire, transverse 19ft. dining kitchen with a fine range of 'antique pine' units, pantry & a uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white traditional style suite incorporating hi-bath, garage, garden with decking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £144,950

**WOODSETTON****Duncroft Walk**

A most impressive, immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached enjoys a leafy open aspect to front & is well worthy of internal inspection. The much improved & conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, ground floor shower room, conservatory, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, useful loft space, garage & low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £142,950

**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Hall Lane, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A REALISTICALLY PRICED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached with potential comprising hallway, fitted cloakroom, lounge, understairs store, dining room with patio doors, kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, garden, GARAGE at rear with carport section. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £142,500

**COSELEY****Greenfield Croft**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This modern style, extended, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement/upgrading, yet offers excellent potential. Situated in a quiet cul de sac, the surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises entrance hall, living room, dining room addition, kitchen, three good bedrooms bathroom, separate w.c., driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

**DUDLEY****Dibdale Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A modernised, much improved and conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (comb boiler) and double glazed semi detached most conveniently situated with panoramic distant views and within walking distance of so many amenities & facilities. Slightly concealed and set back from the road the accommodation includes reception hall, tremendous L-shaped through lounge/dining room with patio doors to rear, upgraded refitted kitchen (many appliances) pantry, three bedrooms, bathroom, FURNITURE & OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE, extensive driveway/gated parking, good sized garage, rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

**GORNAL WOOD****Himley Road**

An exceptionally stylish, tremendously modernised, enhanced & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character in favoured neighbourhood with good distant views. Superb accommodation (fifty ceiling heights) provides separate dining room, inner lobby, understairs store, excellent sitting room with living flame feature gas fire, refitted 'cottage style' kitchen with a fine range of 'Old English Cream' finish units, utility section, separate toilet. Two double bedrooms (principal bedroom with dressing room & re-tiled/reappointed bathroom en suite with shower). Parking to front & secluded sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,950

**LOWER GORNAL****Kingham Close**

COMPETITIVELY PRICED, a most conveniently situated & conscientiously maintained, Freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) detached within walking distance of so many amenities. Individually designed accommodation includes: porch, entrance hall, fitted cloakroom, through lounge, breakfast kitchen, pantry. Three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reapointed bathroom with a fitted white suite. Garage, wider than average secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

PRICE: £129,950

**COSELEY****Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Enviably situated upon fine CORNER PLOT a Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached providing reception hall, kitchen, living/dining room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. SEPARATE GARAGE. Delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

**COSELEY****Paul Street, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. An absolutely outstanding & comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' presented in exemplary order throughout in 'popular/convenient' district. Meticulously maintained accommodation includes traditional 14'9" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'maile' effect units, transverse lounge (with double french doors out to garden). TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with built-in wardrobes & a shower room en suite), house bathroom with white suite, block paved parking, landscaped secluded level rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

**SEDGLEY****The Vista**

A comparatively spacious, modernised/improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached within walking distance of Beacon and comprising entrance porch, reception hall, store, 17'10" through living/dining room, 14ft. breakfast kitchen, 23'6" through lobby with storage cupboards, utility room & potential cloakroom off. Three bedrooms, bathroom, block paved double driveway to front, level well fenced rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

**LOWER GORNAL****Wood Road**

An extremely stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been transformed by present vendors in recent years to a superb specification set in popular convenient district with panoramic views. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the accommodation comprises entrance hallway, through lounge with feature living flame 'hole-in-the-wall' fireplace (double french doors out to garden), refitted breakfast kitchen with fine range of units, woodblock work surfaces, integrated appliances (double opening french doors out to garden) & an understairs store. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), reapointed shower room with white suite, good sized garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,500

**SEDGLEY****Arcal Street**

An attractive, exceptionally well presented & tremendously improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional terrace of character within level walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring. Superb accommodation includes elegant dining room (with original overmantel), understairs store, sitting room (with living flame feature gas fireplace), lobby, refitted kitchen & further utility section beyond. Two double bedrooms, various storage cupboards, reapointed bathroom with stylish white suite. Delightful, lengthy, well tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000

**LANESFIELD****Gordon Avenue**

An attractive, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been tremendously upgraded in recent years set in convenient neighbourhood & comprising entrance hall, excellent lounge with walk in bay & OPEN FIREPLACE, superb enlarged & refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of stylish units (& double french doors out to the garden). Two double bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white suite. Extensive gated side space (vendors advise outline planning consent for an extension) & good sized rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,500

**BRIERLEY HILL****Foxfoot Drive**

This gas centrally heated and double glazed modern style two bedroomed semi detached property is ideally suited to the first time buyer/young family. Having a new bathroom suite, the accommodation comprises: inner hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to the rear, block paved driveway to the front, burglar alarm, and much more. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £108,950

**LOWER GORNAL****Chapel Walk**

Enviably situated in quiet backwater within reasonable walking distance of the village and all amenities, a particularly individual 'quirky' cottage of character believed to date back over 150 years. The significantly modernised gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed accommodation provides refitted breakfast kitchen, excellent lounge, further room with potential. Two bedrooms, reapointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, small but secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

**DUDLEY****Acacia Close**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A COMPETITIVELY PRICED, LEGAL FEES PAID, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed 'starter home' in a cul de sac convenient for so many amenities & facilities. Accommodation includes reception hall, cloak cupboard, updated kitchen, understairs store, delightful lounge with uPVC double glazed patio doors out to garden. TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom, lengthy front garden with block paved parking, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £102,550

**RUSSELLS HALL****Ashenhurst Road**

Positioned on this ever popular development, close to all local facilities is this much improved, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed two/three bedroomed semi detached property suitable for the purchaser that requires ground floor sleeping and shower facilities, and comprising: hall, bedroom, en-suite, lounge/dining area, modern kitchen, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to the rear, block paved driveway, uPVC curtil and fascia. Must be viewed. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £99,950

**PENSNETT****4 Byrchen Moor Gardens**

Enjoying a superb 'cul-de-sac' setting within this sought after and established location, this MOST DECEPTIVE, MODERN INTERMEDIATE 'MEWS' HOUSE offers a VERY SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED layout, including uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, STORAGE HEATING and comprising: spacious & attractive lounge, fitted dining kitchen, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and well appointed bathroom. Set back beyond the LONG DRIVEWAY, which provides off-road parking for two vehicles and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £96,950

**WOODSETTON****Roper Walk**

FULLY FURNISHED, comparatively spacious, well presented & conscientiously maintained FIRST FLOOR flat in 'quiet backwater location' in favoured residential area. Secure communal entrance hall/lobby. The uPVC double glazed accommodation includes private entrance hall, stylish lounge, kitchen with a range of units, two good bedrooms, bathroom, lawned communal gardens & allocated parking space. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £74,950

**WOODSETTON****Fox Street,**

A well presented, comparatively spacious, uPVC double glazed first floor flat that has been conscientiously maintained by present owner convenient for local amenities. The property, which may be of particular interest to first time buyers, briefly comprises secure communal entrance, private hall, living room, kitchen, double bedroom with built-in wardrobes, bathroom with white suite, allocated garden area to rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £57,950

**DUDLEY****Attingham Drive**

LEGAL FEES PAID. This beautifully presented & comparatively spacious, uPVC double glazed, ground floor apartment is situated on a recently constructed popular development and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. The conscientiously maintained accommodation briefly comprises secure communal entrance, private hall, stylish open plan living room/kitchen, two double bedrooms (principal bedroom with built-in wardrobes), bathroom with white suite, storage heating & allocated parking space. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Lot 4: 10 Hill Bank Road, Kings Norton	Residential Vacant	Lot 31: 6 John Street, West Bromwich	Residential Vacant	Lot 56: 202 Bournville Lane, Bournville	Residential Vacant
Lot 5: Site of Palmerscroft, 31 Bromford Road, Hodge Hill	Land	Lot 32: Strategic Land off St Brades Close, Oldbury	Land	Lot 57: 7 Langley Road, Small Heath	Commercial Part Vacant/Part Investment
Lot 6: 37 Cavensham Road, Kingstanding	Residential Vacant	Lot 33: Strategic Land Adj. Former Quarry Site to the South of St Brades Close, Oldbury	Land	Lot 58: 5 The Cedars, Yardley	Residential Vacant
Lot 7: 44 Francis Road, Acocks Green	Residential Vacant	Lot 34: Maybrook House, Queensway, Halesowen	Commercial Part Vacant/Part Investment	Lot 59: 835 Chester Road, Erdington	Residential Vacant
Lot 8: Lyttleton House, 1 Ommond Road, Rubery	Commercial Vacant	Lot 35a: Land off Ravenhurst Road, Moor Pool, Harborne (Site A)	Land	Lot 60: 774 College Road, Kingstanding	Commercial/Residential Investment
Lot 9: Beechenhurst, 10 Serpentine Road, Selly Park	Commercial Vacant	Lot 35b: Land off Ravenhurst Road & Garden Land at 146 Ravenhurst Road, Moor Pool, Harborne (Site C)	Land	Lot 61: Flats 2-24 Brettford Road, Coventry	Residential Vacant
Lot 10: 26 & 58 Springfield Crescent & 35 Wimboune Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield	Ground Rents	Lot 35c: Land at Wentworth Gate, Moor Pool, Harborne (Site E)	Land	Lot 62: 197 Kitts Green Road, Kitts Green	Residential Vacant
Lot 11: 28, 32, 36, 37 & 38 Stephens Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield	Ground Rents	Lot 36: 97 Lingfield Avenue, Great Barr	Residential Vacant	Lot 63: Land off Lamledge Lane, Shifnal, Shropshire	Land
Lot 12: 5, 13, 24, 26, 28, 29, 36, 41 & 63 Abington Road, Netherton, Dudley	Ground Rents	Lot 37: 18 Carlton Avenue, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant	Lot 64: 3 Atlantic Court, Cheapside, Willenhall	Residential Investment
Lot 13: 8, 12, 19, 21 & 25 Lombard Avenue, & 2 Matlock Close, Netherton, Dudley	Ground Rents	Lot 38: 360 Moseley Road, Highgate	Commercial Vacant	Lot 65: 76 Church Road, Aston	Commercial Investment
Lot 14: 28 Roughley Drive, Sutton Coldfield, 9 Fotherley Brook Road & 79, 84 & 96 Hallcroft Way, Aldridge, Walsall	Ground Rents	Lot 39: 127 Portland Road, Edgbaston	Commercial Vacant	Lot 66: Agricultural Land Between Parsons Lane & Chadwick Lane, Hartlebury, Worcs.	Land
Lot 15: 11, 14, 17, 25 & 30 Fairbourne Avenue, Rowley Regis	Ground Rents	Lot 39a: 107 Cadman Crescent, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant	Lot 67: Agricultural Land to the East of the A449, Hartlebury, Worcs.	Land
Lot 16: 29 Loxley Avenue, Shirley & 9 Somery Road, Selly Oak	Ground Rents	Lot 40: 52/53 Hertford Street, Coventry	Commercial Vacant	Lot 68: 196 Birmingham New Road, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 17: 35, 37, 41, 43 & 45 Ullswater Close, Quinton	Ground Rents	Lot 41: 43 Hargreaves Street, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant	Lot 69: 83 Holly Road, Handsworth	Residential Vacant
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Lot 26: 62 Tyndale Crescent, Great Barr	Residential Vacant	Lot 47e: 12 Upper Ettingshall Road, Bilston	Residential Vacant	Lot 79: 10 Farnham Road, Handsworth	Residential Vacant
Lot 27: The Old Rectory, The Coach House & The Old Barn, Shawbury lane, Church End, Shustoke, Warks.	Residential Vacant	Lot 47f: 14 Upper Ettingshall Road, Bilston	Residential Vacant	Lot 80: 182 Essington Road, Essington, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
		Lot 48: 268 Harborne Park Road, Harborne	Residential Vacant	Lot 81: 207 Priory Road, Hall Green	Residential Vacant
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		Lot 50: 36 Somers Road, Erdington	Residential Vacant	Lot 83: 26 Weatheroak Road, Sparkhill	Residential Vacant
		Lot 51: 5 Foster Avenue, Cosley	Residential Vacant	Lot 84: 10 Corfe Road, Hurst Hill, Cosley	Residential Vacant
		Lot 52: 19 Lime Grove, Henshaw Road, Small Heath	Residential Vacant	Lot 85: 495 Belchers Lane, Bordesley Green	Residential Vacant
				Lot 86: 17 New Street, Gornal Wood, Dudley	Residential Vacant
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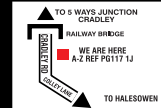
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# Audi A1 boosts fuel and tax advantages

AUDI'S new version of the A1 1.6 TDI is even more fuel efficient and shrugs off road tax and the London congestion charge through a lower 99g/km CO2 output.

Improved 74.3mpg economy potential, and unchanged on-the-road prices for the SE, Sport and S line models ranging from £14,480 to £17,865, also help to make the thriftest A1 an even more desirable proposition.

Further optimisation of the fuel system and engine management unit has reduced the CO2 output of the A1 1.6 TDI from 105g/km to 99g/km, and boosted its official combined economy figure from 70.6mpg to 74.3mpg.

As before, the achievement of these outstanding figures is aided by engine start-stop and energy recuperation systems. The performance delivered by the turbo charged and directly injected common rail unit also remains as keen as ever.

The A1 1.6 TDI with five-speed manual transmission sprints from

rest to 62mph in 10.5 seconds, and, where conditions allow, can reach a top speed of 118mph.

The advantage held by the revised 1.6 TDI won't only be felt at the filling station.

With CO2 dipping below the 100g/km mark it is exempt from the London congestion charge, and also from Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) from year 2 onwards as the duty bandings currently stand.

The majority of A1 models, including the 1.6 TDI, are already duty-free in the first year of ownership.

## Speaker

The A1 1.6 TDI with 99g output can be ordered in all three UK A1 trim levels – SE, Sport and S line.

Features common to all include alloy wheels, remote central locking, air conditioning, electric front windows and mirrors and a six-speaker single CD audio system with auxiliary iPod connection linked to a 6.5-inch retractable display. This efficiency standard bearer is far from the exception to the rule for Audi.

The Vorsprung durch Technik brand offers an exceptional range of models that champion the cause, the most notable being the three-door A3 1.6 TDI.

This can also offer 99g/km and 74.3mpg capability, the A4 TDI Saloon with 120g/km and 61.4mpg, the new A6 2.0 TDI saloon with 129g/km and 57.6mpg and the TT TDI quattro with 53.3mpg and 139g/km.

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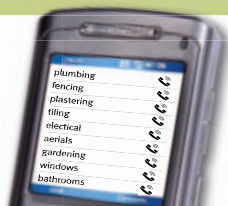




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The teams relax after the completion of the Kidderminster Carolians ladies' seven-a-side rugby tournament

## Ten teams battle it out in rugby tournament

TEN TEAMS from all over the Midlands entered Kidderminster Carolians first ladies' seven-a-side tournament.

Camp Hill beat Old Leamingtonians 36-12 in the final of the

event, sponsored by Hire It.

The teams played a round robin format in two pools of five with the top two from each going into the semi-finals. Games were played on adjoining pitches with

each game lasting 15 minutes.

The teams played a feast of running rugby with some exceptional handling, the 35 games producing 118 tries. Presentations were made by club chair-

man Peter Cook. The club aims to expand next year's event to include under-18 teams. Interested schools should contact Sarah Cound on 07977 120272 or Rae Luckett on 07769 919197.

# School pupils prepare for big sporting games

Pupils from a Dudley school are making their final preparations before competing in the a major local tournament.

On Wednesday, June 29, pupils from The Kingswinford School, Water Street, will train in their final session before they compete at the Black Country School Games (BCSG).

The school have qualified for the badminton and athletic competitions of The BCSG and will also have a group of dancers performing in the opening and closing ceremonies and pupils in the role of officials for the festival as part of the Young Leaders programme.

The BCSG is a new and exciting opportunity to encourage more young people to take part in competitive sport.

On July 6, more than 1,500 young people from across all four boroughs of the Black Country will compete in more than 13

sports, including athletics, volleyball, badminton and basketball, as well as adapted sports such as wheelchair rugby, football and Bocchia for pupils with disability and special needs.

The central venue for the games will be Aldersley Leisure Village, Wolverhampton, and there will be an additional six sites in the surrounding area.

### Competing

The event will be attended by VIPs from the worlds of sport, education and politics. Mrs Hedley, headteacher at The Kingswinford School, said: "The School is proud to have badminton and athletic teams competing in the games.

"And the two two groups of talented young people supporting in other capacities, also mean the event for young people is also part delivered by young people," he added.

"The pupils and staff are very much looking forward to the finals and whilst we

hope they bring silverware back to Kingswinford, the main thing is they have a great experience throughout the day."

Billy Downie, Black Country School Games chairman and The Streety School headteacher, said: "I am aware from speaking to several headteachers across the Black Country there is an air of excitement from the pupils and schools who are competing at the games."

"I am sure The Kingswinford School as well as many others have put in a lot of preparation and with some of the finest sporting talents competing across various age groups, sports and disability sports in the Black Country, the standard of the competition will be extremely high."

The Black Country festival is one of nine pilot events taking place nationwide this summer ahead of the launch of the full national School Games in September, which will enable schools from across the country to get involved.

## Five-star kickin' performance in USA



Verve members, from left, Luke Richardson, Carl Trevitt, John Swift, Matt Cartwright and Liz Swift

## Teenager George is making waves

A teenager is making waves on the golf course after winning a top Midlands competition. George Palmer, aged 17, beat around 60 other players to finish top in the Worcestershire Mens County Championship by seven shots. He has been playing for five years and practices five times a week at Kidderminster Golf Club.

The former Worcester Sixth Form student, of the Broadway, Stourbridge, would one day like to become a player or a teaching professional.

He said: "I really enjoy playing golf. My Grandad played when he was younger and he encouraged me and my brother to take it up."

The competition took place at Droitwich Golf Club on June 11.

MEMBERS of a martial arts group have returned victorious from a world championships in Oklahoma.

Verve Martial Arts, which holds classes in Kidderminster, Hagley, Droitwich and Bromsgrove, sent five competitors to represent Britain in the recent Goodwill World Taekwondo Championships and came back with a big medal haul.

Carl Trevitt triumphed in the individual black belt sparring category and finished second in his Korean patterns session.

In the team version of the Korean patterns Trevitt joined John Swift and Matt Cartwright to finish runners-up, while Liz Swift helped the ladies team finish first in their equivalent event.

Swift also came third in her individual Korean patterns section and Luke Richardson claimed two runners-up

spots in team and individual competitions.

In addition Swift, chief instructor at Verve, was presented with a certificate of commendation from the mayor of Tulsa, Oklahoma where the competition took place.

He also received a trophy plaque from the event's organising officials, recognising his contribution to international taekwondo.

"I am pleased and proud of the team's performance, more so because they conducted themselves impeccably and competed with incomparable spirit and courage," said Swift.

For more information about Verve Martial Arts clubs contact Swift on 01562 827437 or 07989 980155 or visit the website [www.vervemartialarts.co.uk](http://www.vervemartialarts.co.uk)

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# sport

## STOUR SUPERIORITY SHINING THROUGH

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OLDSWINFORD 1STXI (3 POINTS) 158-8, STOURBRIDGE 1STXI (20 POINTS) 160-3  
STOURBRIDGE WIN

Stourbridge 1stXI maintained their Worcester league superiority by beating Oldswinford 1stXI by seven wickets in a local derby billed as a crucial match for Oldswinfords if they were to remain in contention for the league honours.

Cool heads kept Stour on course despite the sabre rattling by the opposition to derail them getting to a score of 160.

Losing the toss Oldswinford first XI were subdued from the start by accurate bowling spells from James Musk and Jitesh Patel on a pitch with a variable bounce. Patel had David Martin trapped LBW with his fifth delivery for no score. Pressure mounted when Musk sent David Haywood back in the same way for one. Consolidation came from the solid opener Tony Brewer and the hard hitter Lee Nightingale they put valuable 46. Lee Nightingale looking threatening fell to Dave Jones caught for 32.

Three down for 70 in the 23rd over Oldswinford needed to crack on. Kalpesh Patel and opener Jitesh Patel broke the back of the middle and lower order four wickets tumbling in quick succession. Brewer remained until he went for hard earned 39 Audey Alexander bowling him.

Asa Robinson left to soldier on was not out on 52. Oldswinford scratched their way to 159 in the 50th over on 8. Jitesh Patel ended up with three for 33 off 11 overs, Kalpesh Patel with 2 for 31 off 12. Stour dropped three chances to keep the opposition below 150.

Up for a win Oldswinford created a tense atmosphere to unnerve Stour batsmen. Openers Alex Bingham and Steve Game focussed on the job at hand put on 53 for the first wicket.

Bingham went on 27 bowled by Sebastian Soukup to a ball keeping low in the 13th over. Game survived the mayhem until the score went on to 68 Daud Islam having him caught on 25. Oldswinford scenting a collapse gave a hostile welcome to skipper Richard Bradley who only lasted four balls out off the bowling of Islam.

Three down for 75 in the 22nd over the local derby reached high intensity as Audey Alexander entered the fray. Alexander calm and collected in the high octane atmosphere proceeded to carve out an innings that kept Stour on course.

At the other end Banks not to be outdone played a master class of an innings in keeping a cool head. They put on 72 to add to the 68 partnership between Banks and Game. Stour reached the required target in the 41st over. Banks not out on 54 and Alexander not out on 25 completed a notable victory.

STOURBRIDGE 2ND XI (24 POINTS) 295-3, COLWALL (4 POINTS) 186 STOURBRIDGE WIN

Stourbridge 2nd XI took on Colwall at the Memorial Ground the opposition witnessed a mammoth innings of 152 not out from the U17-year-old talented Ben Manton reaching maturity this season looks to be a real prospect.

He with Dan Growcott (58) put Stour in an invincible position taking the team score to 295 off fifty overs 3 wickets down. Dazzled by Manton's knock Colwall were bowled out in the 33rd over for 186. Thanks to another young future prospect a bowler Adam Jeavons who pocketed a fiver in just 6 overs for 12 runs.

S. Coffey for Colwall made 70 face saving runs. Stour seconds are now placed second in division 2 behind Pedmore by 48 points.

"Ben has done so well this season that he is pushing for a place in the successful first team," said Harilal Patel, Club Chairman.

"His batting has been a marvel this season. He was our young player of the year last season good to see him blossom along with our other youngsters into such a big talent for the club," he added.

BARNT GREEN 3RD XI (13 POINTS) 183, STOURBRIDGE 3RD XI (7 POINTS) 143-5 BARNT GREEN WINNING DRAW

Stourbridge 3rd XI skipper Peter Griffiths won the toss and asked Barnt Green to bat on a rain affected track.

Opening Bowlers youngsters Matt Jeavons (3 wickets) and Umar Khalid used the conditions with effective bowling to keep the home side to 1.5 runs per over until the halfway point. As pitch conditions eased Barnt Green reached 183 in 49 overs Dave Colesby and Matt Watts chipping in with 2 wickets each.

Stour facing 51 overs in reply eased to a comfortable losing draw under 16 year olds Will Jennings 36 and the belligerent Matt Norgrove (38 not out) showing their batting qualities. A fighting 21 from Matt Jeavons saw Stour reach 148 six wickets down for a losing draw.

STOURBRIDGE 4TH XI (4 POINTS) 147, BARNT GREEN 4TH XI (20 POINTS) 148-7 BARNT GREEN WIN

Stour cc young stars playing in the fourth XI also celebrated their cricket prowess. With the bat 15-year-old Calum Litster put together 42 of the best runs before falling LBW to Robert Warner one of his four victims.

Not to be out played the stroke maker Areeb Mohammad smashed 53 to take the team score to 147 all out Stour collapse in the 39th over.

With the ball batting hero Mohammad went on to get 3 wickets for 29 off 12 overs, and yet another talent in waiting Heran Patel beguiled 3 for 38 off 12 overs. Stour failed to get three more wickets to give the youngsters a real boost.

## Friends taking up the challenge

An adventurous band of friends will be heading for the hills next month in a 24-hour fundraising challenge. The seven-strong team will be attempting the national Three Peaks Challenge to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Walkers and friends Ian Rogers, Adam Fletcher, Mark Serdetschniy, Steven Bloomer, Corinne Mullard, Stuart Patterson and Jon Harris will undertake the

mammoth climb on Saturday, July 9. The challenge involves scaling the highest mountains in Scotland - Ben Nevis, England - Scafell Pike, and Wales - Snowdon, all within 24 hours. The team, made up of friends from Stourbridge, Halesowen, Wolverhampton and Sutton, Birmingham, will be supported on their challenge by a driver who will be driving a minibus loaned to the group. Walker Ian Rogers, from

Halesowen, said it was the second time he and some of the team had attempted the climb.

"We did the Three Peaks Challenge in 2005 and that time we just squeezed it in. We completed it in 23 hours and 56 minutes so we hope to do better this time," he said.

Anyone who would like to sponsor the challenge can go to the website [www.justgiving.com/teams/3-peaks](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/3-peaks).

## SPEEDWAY Heathens now facing a mountain

KO CUP SEMI-FINAL 1ST LEG  
STOKE 62 DUDLEY 32

Dudley Heathens have a mountain to climb if they are to reach the Knockout Cup Final after going down by 30-points in Sunday's first leg at Loomer Road.

Heathens were on the back foot right from the start of a meeting which was delayed by nearly two hours due to the non-arrival of the paramedic.

When the action got underway, Heathens were hit by four Stoke 5-1s in four races, with both Kyle Newman and Danny Stoneman suffering mechanical breakdowns.

When skipper Jon Armstrong went for double points in Heat 5, he beat Stoke's Gareth Isherwood but the two Dudley riders finished in the wrong order with Richard Franklin second for a 4-3 rather than a 5-3.

Heathens had to wait until Heat 11 for their first race win of the meeting, Armstrong taking the flag although by that stage they were 29-points adrift.

Two more advantages followed for the Potters with James Sarjeant clearly out to impress against his former club as they went 57-22 up, and at that stage there looked no way back for the Heathens.

They did, though, give themselves a glimmer of hope in the last two races by taking five points off that deficit, first with a tactical ride win from Ashley Morris in Heat 14 who held off Sarjeant's strong challenge.

And Heathens finished with a 4-2 from Newman and Morris, split by Simon Lambert, leaving them 62-32 down at the end of the first leg and with much work to do in Tuesday's return fixture at Monmore Green.

STOKE 62: James Sarjeant 12+2, Simon Lambert 11+1, Tim Webster 11, Jamie Pickard 9+1, Gareth Isherwood 8+1, Tony Atkin 7+2, Ben Reade 4+2.

DUDLEY 32: Ashley Morris 11, Kyle Newman 9, Jon Armstrong 6+1, Richard Franklin 3, Tom Perry 1, Darryl Ritchings 1, Danny Stoneman 1.

NEWPORT 36 DUDLEY 36  
(ABANDONED AFTER 12 HEATS, RESULT STANDS)

Dudley Heathens went to the top of the National League table at a wet Hayley Stadium last week gaining a 36 all draw when the meeting was abandoned after twelve races due to rain.

The Heathens where four points adrift after the opening four races after home pairing Jay Herne and Richard Andrews gained maximum points in the opening heat over Richard Franklin and Jon Armstrong in the opening heat.

An exchange of 4-2s in the next three races saw the Heathens trailing 14-10. Armstrong and Franklin then reduced the deficit to just two points as the Heathens pairing gained a 4-2 heat advantage with the rain getting increasingly worse.

The Heathens took the lead for the first time in heat eight with a maximum heat win from Franklin and reserve Danny Stoneman over Richard Andrews to give the Heathens a 25-25 lead at the midway point of the meeting.

Newport gained a maximum of their own in heat 10 as Tom Perry fell on the second lap and then Ashley Morris came to grief on the final lap. Morris pushing for the consolation point as the Hornets reached the lead. The Hornets extend their lead with a 4-2 in heat eleven with Franklin splitting the Newport pairing of Todd Kurtz and David Gough after Armstrong comes to grief at the starting line leaving the Heathens trailing 35-31.

Tom Perry and Darryl Ritchings levelled the scores in heat twelve with a 5-1 heat win over Richard Andrews and David Gough as proceedings were called to a halt with continuing rain leaving the referee to alternative but to abandon the meeting giving the Heathens a hard fought 36 all draw.

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## Old Hill come away with victory

WOMBOURNE (3PTS) 174-8 LOST TO OLD HILL (20PTS) 178-3 BY 7 WKTS.

In their away game at Church Road against Wombourne the 1st XI won the toss and chose to field in a reduced overs game.

The batsmen began cautiously as two wickets fell with the score on 38.

After the fall of two further wickets for the addition of 26 the Wombourne scoring rate was kept in check by some tight Old Hill bowling and they ended their innings on 174-8 wkts from 49 overs with Nigel Davenport (4.34) and Ed Denham (2.27).

In reply Old Hill lost opener Mike Hingley with the score on 22 before a stand of 97 between opener Dan Cox (115) and Mark

Fisher (29) helped the visitors close in on victory.

Unfortunately Dan Cox's magnificent century came to an end with the scores tied, but Alex Hills cracked the necessary runs to see Old Hill home to an excellent 7 wickets victory.

Old Hill (20 pts) 117-3 beat W.B.Dartmouth (1pt) 114 by

Two wickets

The visitors lost a wicket to Jon Baig in the first over and continued to lose wickets on a regular basis and were bowled out for 114 runs in the 33rd over thanks to excellent bowling by Dan Such (7-4-12-3), Mitch Jeffery (2-29), Jared Daniels (2-4) and Shezad Aslam (1-19) backed up by a good fielding performance.

Jared Daniels (15) and Shezad Aslam (15 no) then helped Dan Wood, who finished with an unbeaten half century, took Old Hill to a well earned victory by 7 wickets in just 19 overs.

Claverley (3pts) 155 lost to Old Hill (20pts) 156-4 by 6 wkts.

After winning the toss Old Hill 3rd XI invited Claverley to bat, and were soon amongst the wickets aided by three catches behind the stumps by Karl Jones.

Ollie Moseley was the pick of the visitors bowlers with 4-35 as the hosts were bowled out for 155 in 42 overs.

In reply Old Hill reached their target in 33 overs.

Derek Griffiths

## BOXING

## Ryan is keeping his nose clean for the bigger stage

Dudley hot-shot Ryan Aston booked his place on boxing's night of the year with victory on his professional debut.

Aston won every session of his four-round fight with Iain Jackson in Sheffield and the 20-year-old middleweight from Dudley this week heads to Hamburg to box on the undercard of David Haye's heavy-weight collision with Wladimir Klitschko on Saturday night.

A former top amateur with Priory Park ABC, Aston has joined the 'Hayemaker' stable and trained alongside the WBA heavyweight champion in the countdown to his paid debut.

Glenn McCrory, the former IBF cruiser-weight champion, was impressed with Aston's debut showing.

McCrory, commenting for television, said Aston "looks the part, has fast hands and definitely has potential."

The well-schooled southpaw had too much skill for Jackson, a personal trainer from Brighton, having his fifth professional fight.

Referee Marcus McDonnell scored the fight 40-36 and the stars showed Aston out punched Jackson 59-11.

Aston went into the fight knowing he had to avoid an injury to secure his plane ticket to Germany - and said: "I was given



Ryan Aston, black and white shorts, on the defensive. Picture: Lawrence Lustig

the chance to box on the same bill as the fight of the decade and was determined not to blow it. I couldn't afford to get cut or bruised and maybe that's why I felt a bit sluggish in there. I should have stuck to my boxing, but was trying to please the crowd too much."

From ringside it looked like Aston - who took plenty of noisy support with him from the Black Country - turned in a polished performance.

He showed good footwork, fast hands and moved through the gears as the fight went on. Aston was unhurried in the opener and

from the midway point of the second, started to find his range and timing. By the bell, his smooth combination punching had Jackson disorganised.

Jackson, brave, but with limited skills, did make the occasional rushing attack, but Aston was too smart on his feet.

He made Jackson miss and in the third, Aston's punches bloodied his nose and blasted out his gum shield. Aston used the ring well in the last round. He picked Jackson off with jabs and made him miss to complete a shut-out points win.

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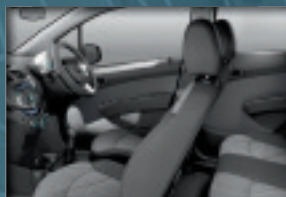


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Chevrolet Spark 1.0+: cash price £8695, £0 deposit, amount to finance: £8695, interest charges: £0.00, x60 monthly payments: £144.92, weekly payment £33.44, total amount payable: £8695.00, APR 0% typical, metallic paint extra. Picture for illustration only. While stocks last. We are licensed credit brokers. Finance subject to status. Terms and conditions apply. Written details upon request.